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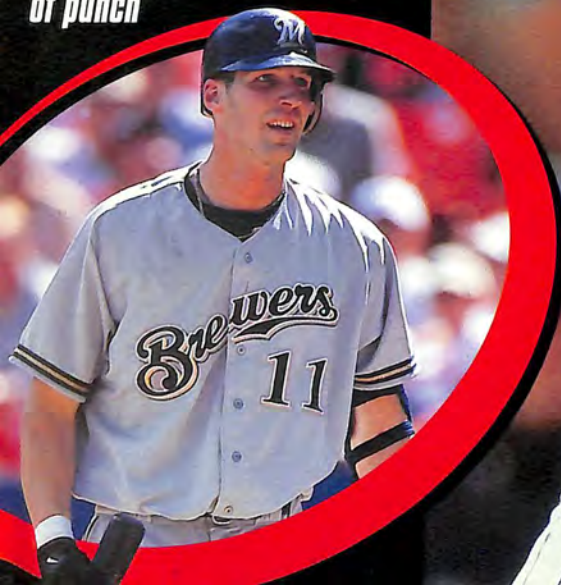
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Dear *Street & Smith's Baseball* reader:

My hope and prayer as you read this is that there will be an unabridged 2002 baseball season. As I write, that's in doubt. Baseball's capacity for serial stupidity never ceases to amaze. (You have only to look at Bud Selig vs. Jesse Ventura, et al., in December's congressional hearings on the industry's ancient anti-trust exemption. Jesse 1, Bud 0.)

Regardless, *Street & Smith's* offers you what we believe is a highly improved baseball year-book. We'd like to think it's our best ever, but you be the judge.

First, you had to tear open a plastic bag to reach us. The reason is our Fantasy Baseball special. Yes, fantasy has been a part of our book for three years, but we broke it out and expanded it with more information. We think you'll like it. If not, say so.

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This year's edition of *Street & Smith's Baseball* offers—as always, over more than 60 years—

the best previews and predictions for the 2002 season, even if it's cut short. In addition—as ever—we naturally have more space devoted to the game than any of our friendly competitors. I'd also like to think you've known that for a long time, but if you're new to *Street & Smith's*, test it.

Finally, I think we have some excellent features for you, among them:

■ Who, among your personal all-time faves, is worth what in today's exospheric player-salary market (next stop Pluto!)? You won't be surprised to find Ruth, Williams, Gehrig and so forth. You might be surprised to find the likes of Chuck Klein (largely unknown outside Philadelphia), Dale Murphy and Ron Santo. Some of these guys would humble A-Rod. Check out page 20.

■ Ichiro is the rage, as well he should be. But the Japanese invasion of baseball is passe. As is the Latino invasion. The newest rage is Incheon (and environs)—the Korean invasion. We give you early intel on page 26.

■ If I had a personal "theme song," it would probably be somewhere between "Why Don't We Get Drunk (and Screw)" and the "18th Variation of Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini." Never mind. Scores of players have "theme songs" today, as they approach the plate or trundle in from the pen. We get behind the who, what and why of that—and the problems some players and organizations are having with it (on page 14).

■ Cooperstown. In baseball, it's Shangri-La, the Pantheon, Heaven, Nirvana, at least. Cliches aside, it's the place where baseball gods are immortalized. But how about Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, to name three? Is Cooperstown really "Bloopertown"? We'll provide an expert's view (see page 30).

And there's more—much more, actually. Simply turn the pages and enjoy. If there's a full season this year, all the better for all of us. If there isn't, you're holding a hot collectible.



Mike Kallay
Executive Editor

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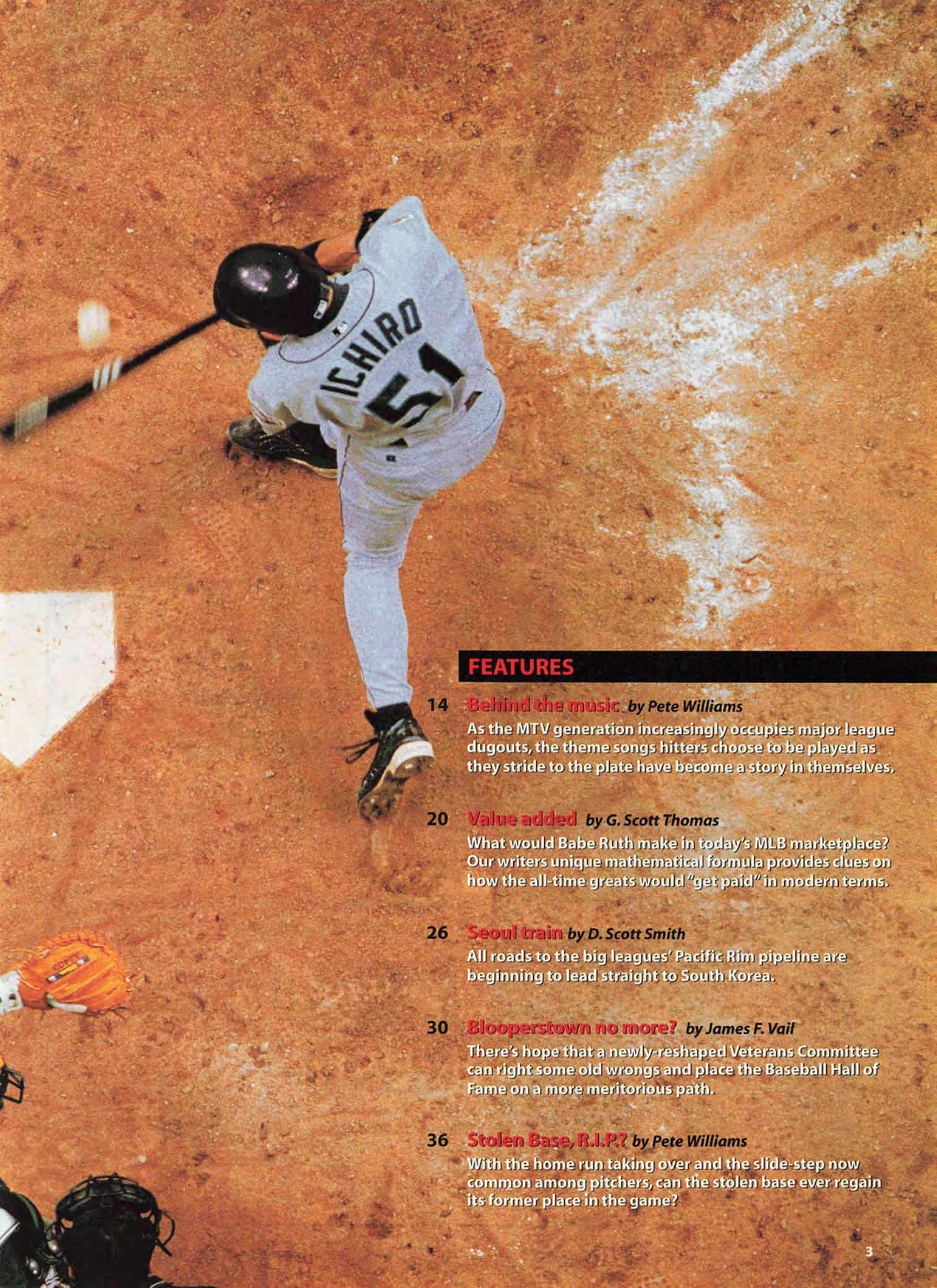
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With the home run taking over and the slide-step now common among pitchers, can the stolen base ever regain its former place in the game?

Who hit last year's mammoth shots?

Many fans may think a home run that travels 400 feet or more is an especially exciting event. So, it's worth pointing out that last season more than 2,000 round-trippers, or 39.1 percent of the MLB total, went at least 400 feet in the air. But on June 23 at Fenway Park, the Red Sox's Manny Ramirez, took the long ball to another level, bashing the only 500-foot blast of 2001.

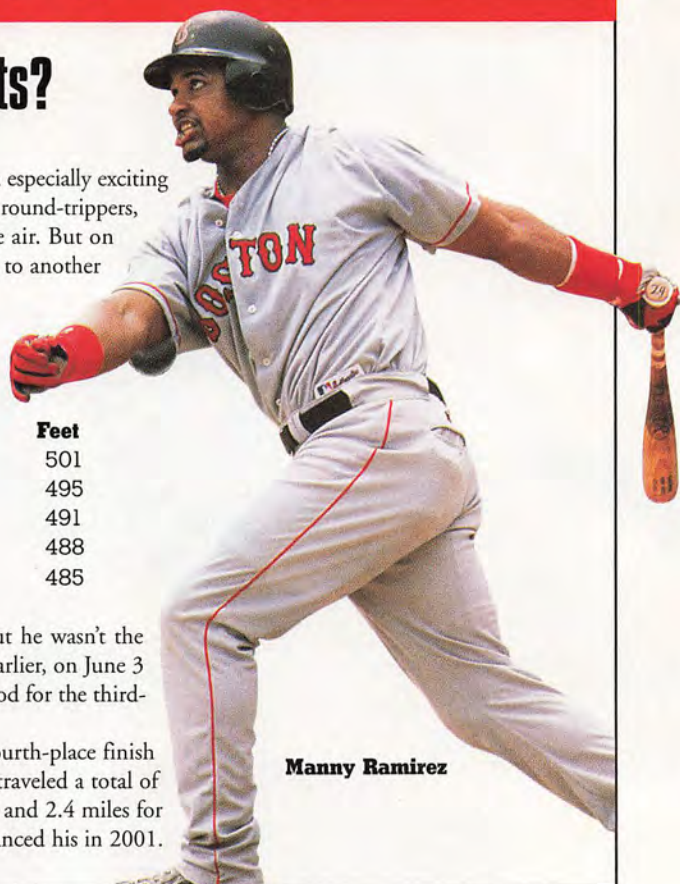
Who hit the longest home runs of 2001?

Longest home runs, 2001

Batter	Pitcher	Park	Feet
M. Ramirez, Bos	C. Michalak, Tor	Fenway	501
E. Chavez, Oak	G. Glover, CWS	Comiskey	495
M. Ramirez, Bos	C. Carpenter, Tor	SkyDome	491
B. Bonds, SF	S. Elarton, Col	Coors	488
A. Galarraga, SF	R. Oswalt, Hou	Pac Bell	485

The Blue Jays' Chris Michalak was the victim of Ramirez's power, but he wasn't the only pitcher on his own team to suffer such a fate. Less than three weeks earlier, on June 3 in Toronto, Ramirez sent a Chris Carpenter offering on a 491-foot ride, good for the third-longest dinger of the season.

Barry Bonds, the new single-season home run king, manages only a fourth-place finish with his 488-foot shot at Coors Field on September 9. Bonds' 73 homers traveled a total of 5.6 miles last season, far more than the 3.2 miles for Ramirez (41 homers) and 2.4 miles for Eric Chavez (32 dingers), the two players whose maximum efforts outdistanced his in 2001.



Manny Ramirez



Jeff Zimmerman

One good run deserves another

Conventional baseball wisdom states that one of the most demoralizing things for a baseball team is scoring some runs, then watching your own pitchers allow the other club to score in the next half-inning. Here are the teams that "gave runs back" most often last season:

Highest percentage of allowing runs in half-inning after scoring, 2001

Rangers	37.7
Reds	35.4
Pirates	33.8
Tigers	31.7
Brewers	31.6

The woeful Rangers pitching staff, with its 5.71 ERA, allowed runs in 172 half-innings after Texas had scored. That was 35 more than the next-highest figure. Of course, the Rangers did a good amount of scoring themselves, so there were more opportunities to give runs back—and that's what Texas did, 37.7 percent of the time.

Who were the best teams in this category last year? Not surprisingly, the pitching-rich Yankees (23.3 percent), Braves (24.6) and Mets (25.1) were least often touched for runs immediately after scoring.

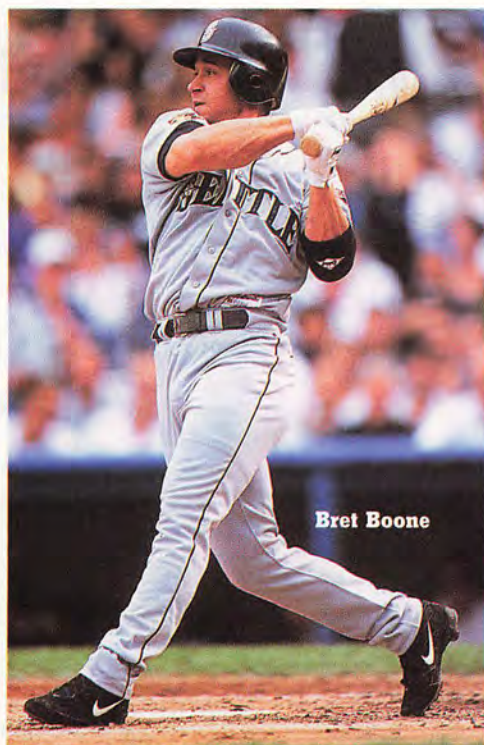
How did Bret's best compare to the rest?

Jeff Kent won the N.L. MVP in 2000, posting one of the best offensive seasons by a second baseman in decades. In 2001, Seattle's Bret Boone carried the torch for second baseman, leading the A.L. with 141 RBI. But Boone's OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging percentage), a measure of his total offensive contribution, wasn't the best among A.L. second basemen in the last generation. In fact, it wasn't even the best last season. How did Boone's season compare to the best ever by A.L. second basemen?

Best single-season OPS by A.L. second basemen, 1940-2001 (minimum 100 games at 2B)

Chuck Knoblauch, 1996	.965
Roberto Alomar, 2001	.956
Roberto Alomar, 1999	.955
Bret Boone, 2001	.950
Roberto Alomar, 1996	.938

Alomar's defense may overshadow his offense, but the case could be made that Alomar would be a Hall-of-Famer based solely on his offensive numbers as a second baseman. With a .415 on-base percentage last year, Alomar topped Boone's OPS by six points, and trailed only Knoblauch's 1996 mark of .965. In any event, give Boone his due—his 141 RBI were the most ever by an A.L. second-sacker, topping Charlie Gehringer's previous record of 127 set in 1934.



Bret Boone

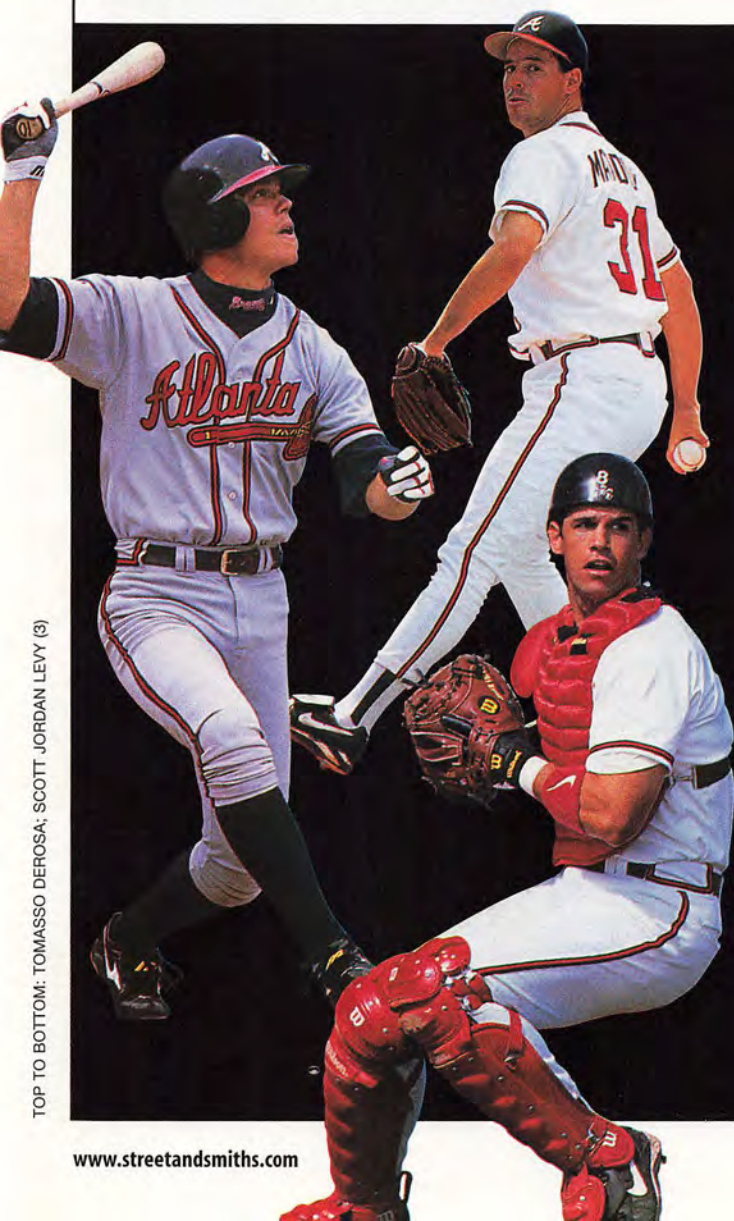
Home sweet ... Holiday Inn

Were the 2001 Atlanta Braves the worst home team ever to make the playoffs? En route to their 10th straight division title, the 2001 Braves posted an impressive 48-33 record away from Turner Field. We might expect a team that wins 48 road games to finish with well over 90 total wins—but not these Braves. Atlanta was a puzzling 40-41 at home last year, and became the first team to reach the playoffs in a full season despite having a losing record at home.

Worst home records by teams that made playoffs, all-time (excludes strike-shortened seasons)

Year/Team	Record	Pct.
2001 Braves	40-41	.494
1982 Braves	42-39	.519
1973 Mets	43-38	.531
1996 Orioles	43-38	.531
1984 Royals	44-37	.543
1997 Indians	44-37	.543

Kansas City made the playoffs with a 19-28 home mark in the strike-shortened 1981 split-season before being dispatched in three games by Oakland. Last year's Braves managed to win a round in the playoffs, then lost the N.L.C.S. to Arizona. The D'Backs won the last three games of the series—in Atlanta, fittingly enough.



Who walks lightly and carries a big stick?

Optimistic Chicago White Sox fans try to point out the similarities between their club's second baseman, Ray Durham, and Hall-of-Famer Joe Morgan. Last season, Durham became the first player since Morgan to stand 5-foot-8 or less and hit 20 homers in a season. Who were the shortest players to hit 20 home runs last year?

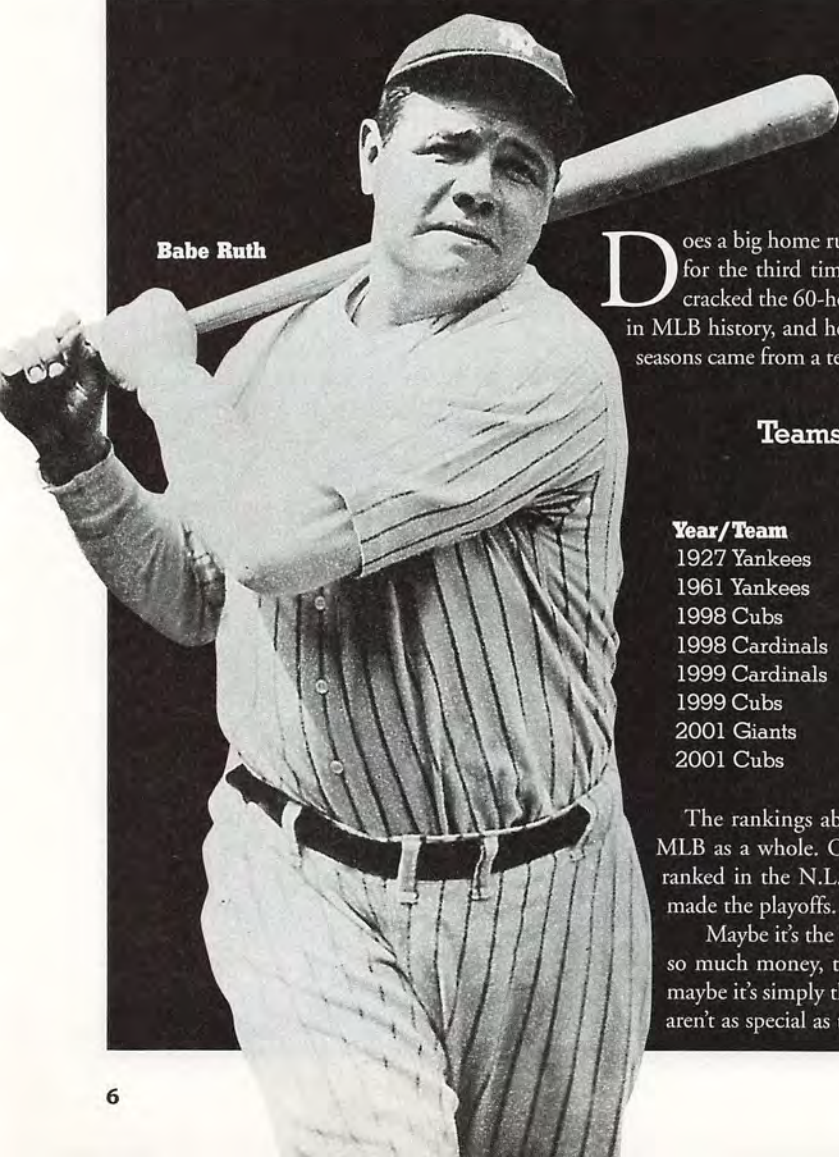
Shortest players to hit 20+ home runs, 2001

Player, Team	Height	HR
Ray Durham, CWS	5-8	20
Ivan Rodriguez, Tex	5-9	25
Miguel Tejada, Oak	5-9	31
Bret Boone, Sea	5-10	37
Brian Giles, Pit	5-10	37
Paul Lo Duca, LA	5-10	25
Jose Valentin, CWS	5-10	28

Durham and Morgan are two of just eight players 5-foot-8 or shorter ever to hit 20 homers in a season. Morgan and Yogi Berra, both 5-foot-7, are the shortest ever to do it. And among players 5-foot-8 and shorter since 1950, only Smoky Burgess, Berra, Morgan and Durham have reached the 20-homer plateau. Pardon the pun, but Durham is now on a very "short list."



Ivan Rodriguez



Babe Ruth

Do dingers rain runs?

Does a big home run star necessarily mean a lot of runs for the team? Last season, for the third time in four years, two players (Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa) cracked the 60-home run plateau. There have now been eight 60-homer seasons in MLB history, and here's the surprising thing about them: Only two of those eight seasons came from a team that ranked higher than fifth in its league in runs per game.

Teams with 60-HR hitters—league rank in runs per game

Year/Team	60-HR Hitter	Team Runs/Game	League Rank
1927 Yankees	Babe Ruth	6.29	1st
1961 Yankees	Roger Maris	5.07	2nd
1998 Cubs	Sammy Sosa	5.10	5th
1998 Cardinals	Mark McGwire	4.97	6th
1999 Cardinals	Mark McGwire	5.02	10th
1999 Cubs	Sammy Sosa	4.61	13th
2001 Giants	Barry Bonds	4.93	5th
2001 Cubs	Sammy Sosa	4.80	7th

The rankings above are based on the team's standing in its own league, not MLB as a whole. Of the six teams since 1998 with a 60-home run hitter, none ranked in the N.L.'s top four in runs per game, and only one, the 1998 Cubs, made the playoffs.

Maybe it's the economics of the game these days; a team has to pay its slugger so much money, there's no way to afford complementary offensive players. Or maybe it's simply the current offensive explosion in baseball. Sixty home runs just aren't as special as they were for Ruth and Maris.

Who are the true journeymen?

What in the world has happened to Mike Morgan? For the first time since 1993-94, Morgan has actually spent consecutive seasons with the same MLB team, the Arizona Diamondbacks. Baseball's ultimate journeyman thus failed to add to his MLB record of 12 different franchises for which he has toiled. Which active MLB players have played for the most teams?

Here are the leaders among players who appeared in 2001:

Active players who have played for the most different franchises

Mike Morgan	12
Dave Martinez	9
Chuck McElroy	9
Gregg Olson	9
11 players with	8



Mike Morgan

Fifteen current players have seen action for eight or more teams. Surprisingly, only three of them are left-handed pitchers—Chuck McElroy, Terry Mulholland and Dennis Cook. Apparently, it's not only lefty hurlers who consistently bounce from team to team.

Are any active players capable of making a run at Morgan's mark? McElroy may have the best shot. He's only 34 years old, he's left-handed and his arm is healthy. One thing seems clear: McElroy would be well-advised to make stopovers in Minnesota and Montreal as soon as possible, in the event those franchises are lost to contraction.



Ichiro Suzuki

Who gets on the board first?

You may not have liked the choice of Ichiro Suzuki as the 2001 A.L. MVP, but you can hardly argue with his productivity as Seattle's leadoff hitter. Ichiro hit .350 from the leadoff spot, and was the catalyst for the M's first-inning success last season. So, it's no surprise that Ichiro's team scored the most first-inning runs in 2001.

Most first-inning runs, 2001

Mariners	124
Marlins	121
Rangers	120
Indians	117
Rockies	116

Ichiro scored 29 runs in the first inning, better than a fifth of his season total of 127 runs. He didn't lead the league in first-inning runs, however—that honor went to the Yankees' Derek Jeter and Texas' Alex Rodriguez, who scored 33 runs apiece in first-inning action. A-Rod belted an MLB-high 18 first-inning homers, helping the Rangers finish third overall with 120 runs in the first inning.

As for the Mariners, they not only scored plenty of first-inning runs, but also managed to stop their opposition from scoring. Seattle allowed only 79 tallies in the opening frame, for a first-inning differential of plus-45 runs. Like so many other stats on the Mariners last year, that figure was the best in baseball.

Who takes the biggest slice of 'O'?

The 2001 Chicago Cubs weren't an especially good offensive team. Chicago ranked seventh in the 16-team N.L., scoring an average of 4.8 runs per game—despite Sammy Sosa's staggering 160 RBI, the third-highest total in modern N.L. history. Sosa drove in more than one-fifth of Chicago's runs last season, and was the player who drove in the highest percentage of his team's runs in 2001.

Players driving in highest percentage of team's runs, 2001

Player/Team	RBI	Runs	Pct.
Sammy Sosa, ChC	160	777	20.6
Garret Anderson, Ana	123	691	17.8
Luis Gonzalez, Ari	142	818	17.4
Barry Bonds, SF	137	799	17.1
Aramis Ramirez, Pit	112	657	17.1

The fact that Sosa drove in such a high percentage of the Cubs' runs highlights the lack of production from the lower half of the team's lineup. Chicago's No. 4 through No. 8 hitters combined for a .247 batting average in 2001, the second-worst in baseball. It's a wonder that opposing pitchers ever pitched to Sammy last year—and no wonder that the Cubs signed Moises Alou this offseason, hoping to get some offense from the rest of the lineup.



Sammy Sosa

TARGETS

Today's top players set their sights on the all-time leaders

Active players in 2001 in caps

source: Major League Baseball

HITS

(Inactive Players 2,927 or more)

Pete Rose	4,256
Ty Cobb	4,191
Hank Aaron	3,771
Stan Musial	3,630
Tris Speaker	3,515
Honus Wagner	3,430
Carl Yastrzemski	3,419
Paul Molitor	3,319
Eddie Collins	3,313
Willie Mays	3,283
Eddie Murray	3,255
Nap Lajoie	3,251
CAL RIPKEN JR.	3,184
George Brett	3,154
Paul Waner	3,152
Robin Yount	3,142
TONY GWYNN	3,141
Dave Winfield	3,110



Roberto Alomar

Rod Carew	3,053
Cap Anson	3,041
Lou Brock	3,023
Wade Boggs	3,010
Al Kaline	3,007
Roberto Clemente	3,000
RICKEY HENDERSON	3,000
Sam Rice	2,987
Sam Crawford	2,964
Willie Keeler	2,962
Frank Robinson	2,943
Jake Beckley	2,931
Rogers Hornsby	2,930
Al Simmons	2,927
HAROLD BAINES	2,866
TIM RAINES	2,588
RAFAEL PALMEIRO	2,485
ROBERTO ALOMAR	2,389
MARK GRACE	2,343
BARRY BONDS	2,313
TONY FERNANDEZ	2,276
FRED McGRIFF	2,260

RUNS BATTED IN

(Inactive Players 1,525 or more)

Hank Aaron	2,297
Babe Ruth	2,212
Lou Gehrig	1,995
Ty Cobb	1,961
Stan Musial	1,951
Jimmie Foxx	1,921
Eddie Murray	1,917
Willie Mays	1,903
Mel Ott	1,860
Carl Yastrzemski	1,844
Ted Williams	1,839
Dave Winfield	1,833
Al Simmons	1,827
Frank Robinson	1,812
Honus Wagner	1,732
Cap Anson	1,715
Reggie Jackson	1,702
CAL RIPKEN JR.	1,695
Tony Perez	1,652
Ernie Banks	1,636
HAROLD BAINES	1,628
Goose Goslin	1,609
Nap Lajoie	1,599
George Brett	1,595
Mike Schmidt	1,595
Andre Dawson	1,591
Rogers Hornsby	1,584
Harmon Killebrew	1,584
Al Kaline	1,583
Jake Beckley	1,575
Tris Speaker	1,559
Willie McCovey	1,555
Harry Heilmann	1,551
BARRY BONDS	1,542
Willie Stargell	1,540
Joe DiMaggio	1,537
Sam Crawford	1,525
RAFAEL PALMEIRO	1,470
MARK McGWIRE	1,414
JOSE CANSECO	1,407

HOME RUNS

(Inactive Players 339 or more)

Hank Aaron	755
Babe Ruth	714
Willie Mays	660
Frank Robinson	586
MARK McGWIRE	583
Harmon Killebrew	573
BARRY BONDS	567
Reggie Jackson	563
Mike Schmidt	548
Mickey Mantle	536
Jimmie Foxx	534

Willie McCovey	521
Ted Williams	521
Ernie Banks	512
Eddie Mathews	512
Mel Ott	511
Eddie Murray	504
Lou Gehrig	493
Stan Musial	475
Willie Stargell	475
Dave Winfield	465



Ken Griffey Jr.

JOSE CANSECO	462
KEN GRIFFEY JR.	460
Carl Yastrzemski	452
SAMMY SOSA	450
FRED McGRIFF	448
RAFAEL PALMEIRO	447
Dave Kingman	442
Andre Dawson	438
CAL RIPKEN JR.	431
Billy Williams	426
Darrell Evans	414
Duke Snider	407
Al Kaline	399
Dale Murphy	398
JUAN GONZALEZ	397
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GREG VAUGHN	344
Ron Santo	342
Jack Clark	340
Dave Parker	339
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STOLEN BASES

(Inactive Players 574 or more)

RICKEY HENDERSON	1,395
Lou Brock	938
Billy Hamilton	937
Ty Cobb	892
TIM RAINES	808
Vince Coleman	752
Eddie Collins	743
Max Carey	738
Honus Wagner	722
Joe Morgan	689
Arlie Latham	679
Willie Wilson	668
Bert Campaneris	649
Tom Brown	627
Otis Nixon	620
George Davis	615
Dummy Hoy	597
Maury Wills	586
George Van Haltren	583
Ozzie Smith	580
Hugh Duffy	574
BARRY BONDS	484
KENNY LOFTON	479
DELINO DeSHIELDS	453
ROBERTO ALOMAR	446
MARQUIS GRISSOM	409

RUNS

(Inactive players 1,677 or more)

RICKEY HENDERSON	2,248
Ty Cobb	2,245
Hank Aaron	2,174
Babe Ruth	2,174
Pete Rose	2,165
Willie Mays	2,062
Stan Musial	1,949
Lou Gehrig	1,888
Tris Speaker	1,881

Mel Ott.....	1,859
Frank Robinson.....	1,829
Eddie Collins.....	1,820
Carl Yastrzemski.....	1,816
Ted Williams.....	1,798
Paul Molitor.....	1,782



Barry Bonds

Charlie Gehringer.....	1,774
Jimmie Foxx.....	1,751
Honus Wagner.....	1,740
Willie Keeler.....	1,722
BARRY BONDS.....	1,713
Mickey Mantle.....	1,677
CAL RIPKEN JR.....	1,647
TIM RAINES.....	1,562
TONY GWYNN.....	1,383
RAFAEL PALMEIRO.....	1,357
ROBERTO ALOMAR.....	1,341

DOUBLES

(Inactive players 506 or more)

Tris Speaker.....	793
Pete Rose.....	746
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Ty Cobb.....	724
George Brett.....	665
Honus Wagner.....	651
Nap Lajoie.....	648
Carl Yastrzemski.....	646
Hank Aaron.....	624
Paul Molitor.....	605
Paul Waner.....	604
CAL RIPKEN JR.....	603
Robin Yount.....	583
Wade Boggs.....	578
Charlie Gehringer.....	574
Eddie Murray.....	560
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Joe Medwick.....	540
Dave Winfield.....	540
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Lou Gehrig.....	535
TONY GWYNN.....	543
Cap Anson.....	532
Al Oliver.....	529
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Dave Parker.....	526
Ted Williams.....	525
Willie Mays.....	523
Ed Delahanty.....	521
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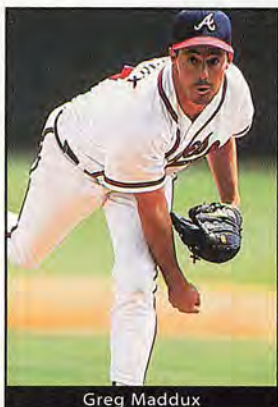
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Ty Cobb.....	297
Honus Wagner.....	252
Jake Beckley.....	244
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Fred Clarke.....	223
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TONY GWYNN.....	85
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STRIKEOUTS

(Inactive players 2,396 or more)

Nolan Ryan.....	5,714
Steve Carlton.....	4,136
ROGER CLEMENS.....	3,717
Bert Blyleven.....	3,701
Tom Seaver.....	3,640
Don Sutton.....	3,574
Gaylord Perry.....	3,534
Walter Johnson.....	3,508



Greg Maddux

RANDY JOHNSON.....	3,412
Phil Niekro.....	3,342
Ferguson Jenkins.....	3,192
Bob Gibson.....	3,117
Jim Bunning.....	2,855
Mickey Lolich.....	2,832
Cy Young.....	2,798

Frank Tanana.....	2,773
DAVID CONE.....	2,655
Warren Spahn.....	2,583
Bob Feller.....	2,581
Jerry Koosman.....	2,556
Tim Keefe.....	2,533
GREG MADDUX.....	2,523
Christy Mathewson.....	2,502
Don Drysdale.....	2,486
Jack Morris.....	2,478
Mark Langston.....	2,464
Jim Kaat.....	2,461
Sam McDowell.....	2,453
CHUCK FINLEY.....	2,436
Luis Tiant.....	2,416
Dennis Eckersley.....	2,401
Sandy Koufax.....	2,396
JOHN SMOLTZ.....	2,155

WINS

(Inactive players 270 or more)

Cy Young.....	511
Walter Johnson.....	417
Grover Alexander.....	373
Christy Mathewson.....	373
Warren Spahn.....	363
Pud Galvin.....	361
Kid Nichols.....	361
Tim Keefe.....	344
Steve Carlton.....	329
John Clarkson.....	326
Eddie Plank.....	326
Nolan Ryan.....	324
Don Sutton.....	324
Phil Niekro.....	318
Gaylord Perry.....	314
Tom Seaver.....	311
Mickey Welch.....	311
Charles Radbourne.....	308
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Tony Mullane.....	285
Ferguson Jenkins.....	284
Jim Kaat.....	283
ROGER CLEMENS.....	280
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GREG MADDUX.....	257
TOM GLAVINE.....	224
RANDY JOHNSON.....	200

SHUTOUTS

(Inactive players 46 or more)

Walter Johnson.....	110
Grover Alexander.....	90
Christy Mathewson.....	79
Cy Young.....	76
Eddie Plank.....	69
Warren Spahn.....	63
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Tom Seaver.....	61
Bert Blyleven.....	60
Don Sutton.....	58
Pud Galvin.....	57
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Vic Willis.....	50
Don Drysdale.....	49
Fergie Jenkins.....	49
Luis Tiant.....	49
Early Wynn.....	49
Kid Nichols.....	48
Tommy John.....	46
Jack Powell.....	46
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SAVES

(Inactive players 184 or more)

Lee Smith.....	478
JOHN FRANCO.....	422
Dennis Eckersley.....	390
Jeff Reardon.....	367
Randy Myers.....	347
Rollie Fingers.....	341
JOHN WETTELAND.....	330
Rick Aguilera.....	318
TREVOR HOFFMAN.....	314
Tom Henke.....	311
Rich Gossage.....	310
Jeff Montgomery.....	304
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ROBB NEN.....	271
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Todd Worrell.....	256
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Minor leagues, *major fun*

The daughter of a 16-year major league closer recalls that life in the minors was all a kid could ask for.



Lorrah Minton (left) with father Greg, sister Lisa and brother David (right) at the San Francisco Giants' Family Fun Day in 1975 at Candlestick Park.

By Lorrah Minton
(as told to Michael J. Fresina)

Crash Davis, Kevin Costner's character in "Bull Durham," didn't know how great his life was. Except for a cup-of-coffee, three-day stint in *The Show*, he got to play an entire career in the minors. My life in the minors was great, too. Unlike Crash Davis, though, I took advantage of all minor league baseball had to offer. When I did make it to *The Show*, I wanted nothing more than to climb in the nearest "Way Back Machine" and set it for "permanent minors."

In 1974, my father, (16-year major league veteran) Greg Minton, was playing for the Triple-A Phoenix Giants. I was 5 and loved my life. I rightfully believed the world revolved around me. I ruled Phoenix Municipal Stadium. I wasn't expected to sit still in my seat. I could go to the organist and request a song, make faces at the announcers and read the incoming scores in the press box.

The senior citizens would bring me presents and tell the obnoxious fans to watch their language around me. When I fell down and scraped my knee, Harry, the trainer, would give me a Band-Aid and a handful of Bazooka bubble gum. There was even a fan that believed he was Elvis and played a trumpet behind home plate. People would say Elvis was dead. He wasn't in my world.

Teammates with cartoon-character nicknames would come over to our house for dinner or just hang out. They would forgo their traditional Ramen noodles or Chef Boyardee in the can. They knew my name and were friendly. I was sure they would all one day be my boyfriends. I didn't know they were starving and my mother was a great cook.

All the guys were goofy and fun. One player was amazed my little sister was born with ears. He truly thought they grew on after the baby was born.

Before I could walk I heard my father wanted to be sent "up." I knew going up was the goal and answer to every prayer. What I didn't know

was that going up meant my life would never again be normal. The new ballpark was called Candlestick Park. If Phoenix Municipal Stadium was like the circus, surely Candlestick Park must be like Disneyland.

Disneyland it was not. There was no more running around. The park was too big for my mother to see me at any moment, and people actually wanted to watch the game. The organ music wasn't real and the media were sequestered. There was definitely not going to be any between-inning performances by Zippy the Wonder Dog. And in the majors, Elvis was—in fact—dead.

I was certain that my parents would soon realize this was not an improvement and we would be returning to the minors. No such luck. Apparently, they liked this change; so did my brother. He got to hang around in a bigger locker room with a TV and better snacks, and my sister was too young to know all we had lost.

What I missed most about the minor leagues was the imperfection of each game. The third baseman could trip over his feet and crawl to field the ball and you could laugh at the

error. Any given night there could be an inside-the-park home run, a triple play or a snake in the outfield. The majors were boring. Perfect games and home runs were all people wanted to see. To top it off, the home runs didn't even win the batter a free steak or video rental (depending on the sign the ball went over).

There wasn't the same laughter as in the minors. Sure, fans would laugh when I was caught on the Jumbotron being chased by security in the upper deck or if a police officer grew tired of my antics and handcuffed me to a railing. But the minors had "rent-a-cops" who thought I was funny and let me do whatever I wanted. The majors have humorless real police officers that don't mess around.

I was robbed. The minors are better than the majors. The minors let me be a kid; the majors let my father be a kid. ■

Lorrah Minton is the daughter of former All-Star closer Greg Minton, who from 1975 to 1990 recorded 150 career saves for the San Francisco Giants and California Angels.

Baseball according to Dr. Lorrah

	Minors	Majors	Advantage
Spring Training	The best time of the year. You get to see old friends and everyone is thrilled to be there.	Nothing better than eating Twinkies in front of late-arriving, overpaid, overweight hold outs attempting calisthenics.	Push.
The Players	They all acted my age and knew the rules to recess games.	They still acted my age but didn't play by the rules.	Minors. No one likes a Capture-the-Flag cheater.
Groupies	Bubble gum-chewing local girls with high hair trying to get out of town.	Women with what appeared to be flotation devices under their sweaters looking to be my new mommy.	Majors. I'll give my brother this one. He enjoyed the pontoons.
Hecklers	"Hey, number 20. You suck! My one-armed, Depends-wearing, blind grandmother could kick your a—!"	"What? Is the paternity test distracting you?"	Minors. Minors are more creative. Majors are cruel.
Sportscasters	A gust of wind could blow off his toupee.	Plugs and a fake tan.	Minors. How can you beat a flying toupee?
A Win	Baskin-Robbins' Rocky Road ice cream on the way home.	One step closer to a bonus that will be published in the paper for all your friends' parents to discuss.	Minors. Nothing beats Rocky Road.
A Loss	Oh, well. It's blamed on the constantly changing roster and coaching staff.	Get to hear how much the team sucks and is overpaid. If my dad got the loss, the sports page is taped to my desk.	Minors. Articles taped to your desk is never the way to start a day.
Baseball 101	1 is a fastball, 2 is a curve. Don't forget to tie your shoes.	1 is a fastball, 2 is a curve.	Minors. It's hilarious when they forget to tie their shoes.
Extra Innings	More beer cups to stomp at the end of the night.	Frostbite in Candlestick Park. They used to give out buttons (the Croix de Candlestick) to fans who stayed.	Minors. You can never get enough practice popping beer cups and annoying adults.
Food	Everything tasted the same and was served by a woman who looked like Flo from Mel's Diner.	Sushi and Cobb (not Ty) salads	Majors. While I'm not sure Sushi and baseball mix, I loved the variety.
Ballparks	Wonderful playgrounds filled with hazards.	Beautiful, clean parks with fancy toilets that flush themselves.	Minors. A nightly opportunity to lose an eye.
Mascots	A local suited up as anything from a pig to an ear of corn.	Boring. The same Mascot U. moves performed on the dugout and a bad attitude about being barred on by little kids.	Minors.
Legal Issues	Steal the hotel towels and end up in court.	Hijack the team bus and go to kangaroo court. Get pulled over going Mach 10 and sign an autograph for the trooper's nephew.	Majors. Kangaroo court stories are the best, but I've been sworn to secrecy.

A tribute to Big Mac



BRIAN SPURLOCK

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Despite some career flaws, **Mark McGwire** will go down as the game's best pure slugger of the last half-century.

By Mike Kallay
Street & Smith's Executive Editor

Pop quiz, baseball fans!

The rightly retired Mark McGwire is one of the game's:

- (a.) all-time greats
- (b.) all-time shouldabeens
- (c.) all-time marginals
- (d.) all of the above

And the answer is: "(d.) all of the above."

McGwire was, at once, a combination of Babe Ruth, former Bash Bro Jose Canseco and—oh, yes—Good Ol' Charlie Brown. Just look at some key stats, baseball's DNA:

- Sixteen seasons—more less than more—in The Show.
- Under 2,000 games played.
- Well under 2,000 career hits.
- Nearly 1,600 strikeouts in about 6,200 at-bats (ouch!)
- A .263 lifetime batting average.

That pretty well covers (b.). Think Canseco. About (b.) and (d.), think McGwire missed at least two full seasons due to injuries. Think Ol' Charlie. About (a.), think the Bambino and—yes, Reggie Jackson, Ralph Kiner and Harmon Killebrew. Why? Because they're all Hall-of-Famers, as Mark will be in 2007.

McGwire will stroll into the Hall his first year of eligibility because—in this age of baseball's parity with its sports competitors—he's as popular with fans as Ruth (though his numbers are pale by comparison); Killebrew (a more sanguine numerical comparison; ditto popularity) and Kiner (ditto-ditto). And Reggie, well, look it up—sans the chutzpah.

Simply put, Mark David McGwire is the game's finest *pure* slugger in 50-plus years. While he couldn't swat houseflies for average, he swatted homers at a better clip than even the Bambino. Hall-of-Fame balloteers will remember that ... and the fact that he closed out his career with more extra-base hits than singles (no Hall member can claim that) ... and the fact that his lifetime slugging percentage is exceeded only by five others (the Babe, Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx and Hank Greenberg) ...

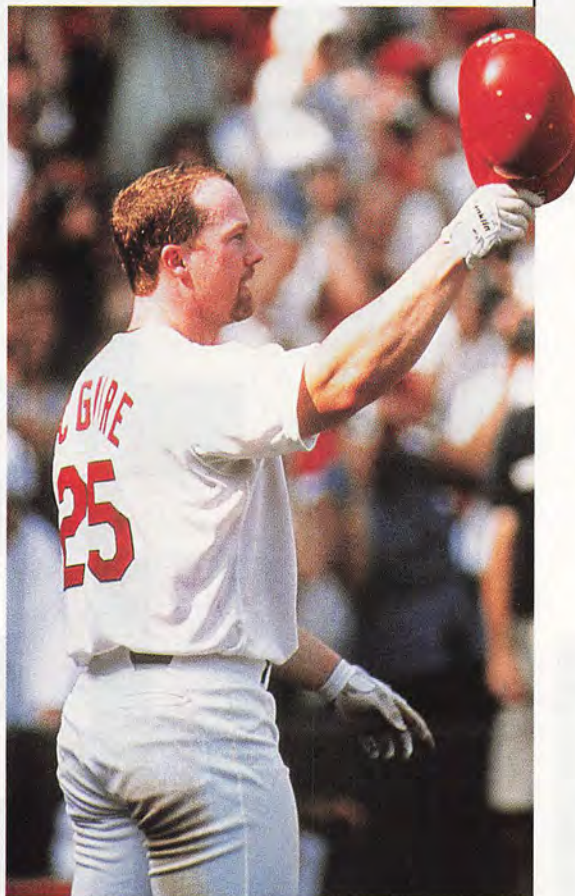
And the fact that he was one of the good guys in an era of spoiled, whiney, multimillionaire brats. He played that game with Ruthian power, and with Martha Graham grace. The summer of '98—with soulmate slugger Sammy Sosa, the Maris family—is indelible, even to the most casual of baseball observers. (Eat your heart out, Barry Bonds.)

The Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2007 will, indeed, be *class*. In addition to Big Mac, there will be:

- Anthony Keith Gwynn, the finest *pure* hitter in 50-plus years. And a loyalist gentleman, in the mode of Stan Musial.
- Calvin Edward Ripken Jr., the finest "working person's" athlete—and then some—well, *ever*. And a gentleman's gentleman. Perhaps baseball's finest ambassador—well, *ever*.


And—should he decide to shut down his now-bankrupt, 23-year-old "stand"—Rickey Henley Henderson. A hot dog's hot dog without peer who, along the way, managed to wipe out three "untouchable" career records: runs (your runs over Ty); walks (just walk away, Babe); and stolen bases (you're out, Lou—by a mile!). But Rick, it's over. Get with the program. *Retire*. No more hot dogs to sell ... but they sure as hell were *good* while they lasted!

As were your Ruthian shots, Mr. McGwire. Among your many attributes. Thanks for the memories, sir, and—unlike your 2007 Hall classmates—for all those that *could* have been. ■

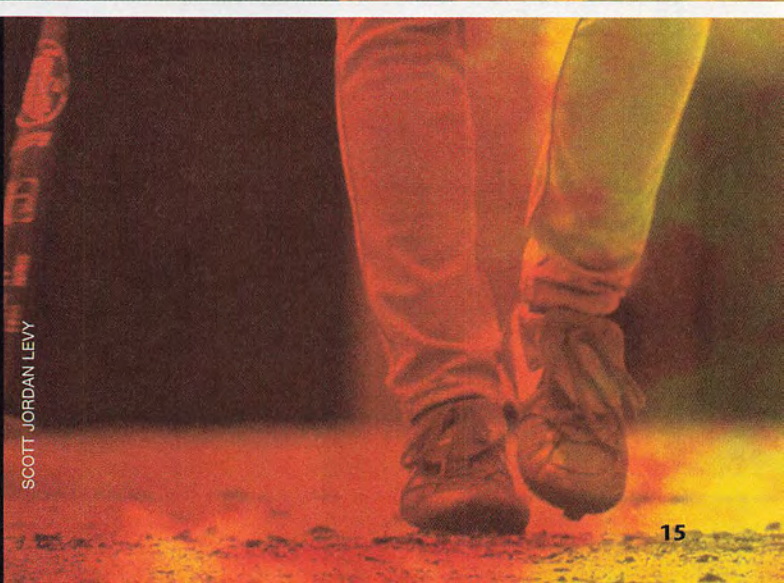


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THE PLATE HAVE BECOME A STORY ...

BEHIND THE MUSIC



By Pete Williams



SCOTT JORDAN LEVY



John Flaherty: Queen

Each time John Flaherty steps to the plate, the thunderous opening notes of "Flash" by the rock band Queen roar from the loudspeakers. Flash! Ah-ah! Savior of the universe!

As the music rumbles toward the next lyric, the catcher for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays backs out of the box, adjusts his grip on the bat, then re-enters the box in perfect timing with lead singer Freddie Mercury.

Flash! Ah-ah! He'll save ev'ry one of us!

Like superheroes and villains, baseball players now have personalized theme music. Each time they swagger to the plate or stomp in from the bullpen,

familiar chords ripple through the ballpark. Team officials have embraced the player themes as a way to liven up the stadium atmosphere and appeal to a younger generation weaned on video games, rap music and professional wrestling.

Much to the chagrin of baseball purists, many ballparks seems more like hockey or basketball arenas, with pulsing music, screeching sound effects and endless video graphics. Players have warmed to the change, carefully choreographing their entrances to create maximum intimidation and dramatic effect.

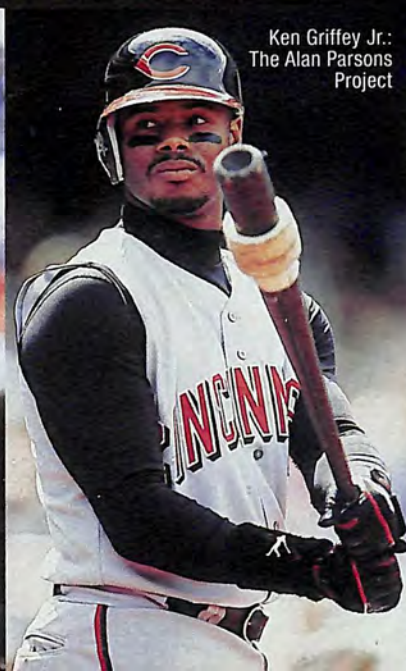
"It's like a guy has to have a 30-second rap

video before he steps into the box," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon says. "I don't even understand some of the music."

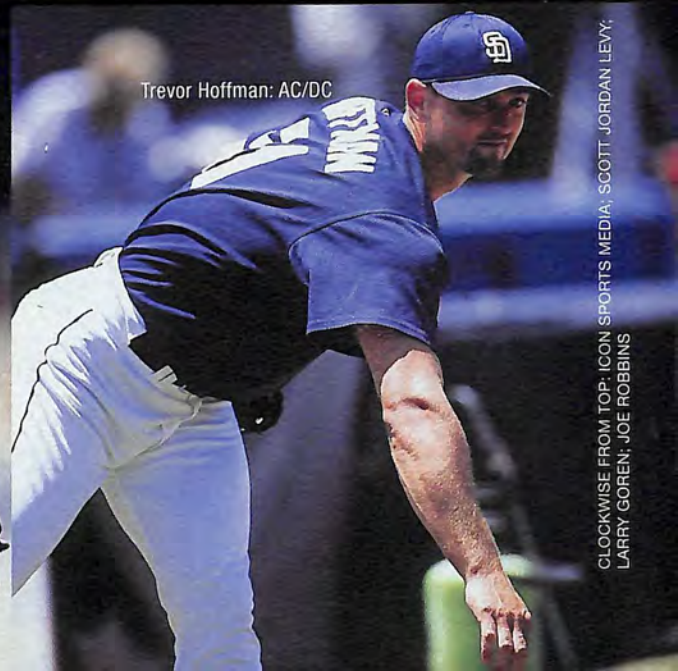
McClendon played in the majors as recently as 1994 but can be forgiven for feeling like he's from another generation. As recently as 1995, few teams played snippets of music after a batter's name was announced, let alone customized it to fit the player's name, personality or musical taste. The Mariners started the phenomenon in the early '90s when they began playing additional songs to liven up the dark, dull atmosphere of the Seattle Kingdome.



Alex Rodriguez:
Baha Men



Ken Griffey Jr.:
The Alan Parsons
Project



Trevor Hoffman: AC/DC

Play List

Barry Bonds: "Next Episode"
by Dr. Dre

Bret Boone: "Elevation"
by U2

Craig Counsell: "All along the Watchtower"
by Jimi Hendrix

Ben Davis: Theme from "The Dukes of Hazzard"

Cliff Floyd: "What it is"
by Busta Rhymes

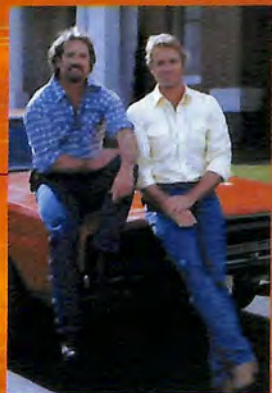
J.D. Drew: "Sky falls down"
by Third Day

Chris Gomez: "Even Flow"
by Pearl Jam

Charles Johnson: "Where's the Party At?"
by Jagged Edge

Andruw Jones: "Last Resort"
by Papa Roach

Chipper Jones: "Crazy Train"
by Ozzy Osbourne



Jeff Bagwell: Hard rock

Other teams soon realized theme songs could help whip fans into a frenzy.

When Juan Gonzalez was with the Rangers, the club played "Imperial March" since Darth Vader's music seemed to match the imposing slugger's image. The Mariners borrowed a page from the Chicago Bulls and played "Sirius" by the Alan Parsons Project when Ken Griffey Jr. stepped to the plate with runners on base. The booming opening notes of The Who's "Baba O'Reilly" fit the intense personality of Yankee outfielder Paul O'Neill.

Other songs corresponded to names. Flaherty,

a.k.a. "Flash," began hearing Queen when he was with the Padres. The Mariners played George Thorogood's "Bad to the Bone" for outfielder Jay Buhner, whose hard, shaved head earned him the nickname "Bone."

GETTING PERSONAL

Soon players began sending CDs up to the front office. A notoriously superstitious bunch, they figured the proper music would help their mindset at the plate. Many switch music to help break out of a slump.



Jeff Kent: "Thunderstuck"
by AC/DC

Ryan Klesko: "Bad to the Bone"
by George Thorogood



Lloyd McClendon: Doesn't understand

Jeff Conine:
Metallica



Mike Lowell: "Party Up" by DMX

Edgar Martinez: Theme from "Star Wars"

Phil Nevin: "Symphony of Destruction" by Megadeth

Play List

Rafael Palmeiro: "Changes" by 2pac

Ivan Rodriguez: "Shake Your Bon-Bon" by Ricky Martin

Ichiro Suzuki: "Take it to da House" by Trick Daddy, "Thriller" by Michael Jackson

Bubba Trammell: "Copperhead Road" by Steve Earle

Matt Williams: "Tom Sawyer" by Rush

Dan Wilson: "Whatta Man" by Salt 'N Pepa

Preston Wilson: "Get Your Freak On" by Missy Elliot



"I hear my song and it gets me focused even more," says Jeff Conine, who has the Orioles play Metallica's "Devil's Dance."

Several players and teams have started national trends—or at least been ahead of the curve. In 1995, Carlos Baerga had the Indians play a few notes from a catchy new Latin tune. Two years later, everyone was sick of "The Macarena."

Gregg Greene, the Mariners' promotions director, deserves the credit—or blame—for bringing "Who Let the Dogs Out?" to prominence after playing it early in the 2000 season for backup catcher Joe Oliver. Alex Rodriguez adopted it as his own tune, then as the club's unofficial theme song. By the end of the year, it was a staple at sports arenas and the Baha Men played Safeco Field in appreciation.

It's all a radical change from when teams relied on organ music, spontaneous clapping or "the wave" to liven the atmosphere. Most clubs now have "event production" staffs that handle the video and sound systems, which include player theme music. Many use software packages such as "Stadium Click Effects," which was developed by the Portland Trail Blazers, to organize bits of music into a point-and-click menu for easy access.

"A lot of what we do is timing," says Greene, who during last year's All-Star Game in Seattle was quick to play "I'm All Right" by Kenny Loggins when Tommy Lasorda took a spill in the third base coaching box. "If you can react to something in time, you can get a good chuckle."

Teams usually locate most player music in their own library. If not, they borrow a CD from the player and burn it into their computer system. "We're finding we have to do that more and more," says Scott MacKerron, the Astros' director of ballpark entertainment. "Guys are coming up with some pretty obscure stuff."

Some event production managers have grown to regret giving players the option of providing their own tunes. It's not just that team officials have to work around the swearing in many rap songs, but some players complain if other music is substituted.

"If we're rallying in the bottom of the ninth, we're not going to play the guy's brooding rap song," says John Franzone, the Devil Rays' director of event productions and entertainment. "Players call and complain, which is ridiculous. I would think guys would be more concerned with why they struck out as opposed to what music we played."

MLB CONCERNS

Major League Baseball has become concerned that player introduction music is adding time to the game when the league is trying to shave minutes off. Many players wait until their name is announced before leaving the on-deck circle, thus ensuring they'll receive maximum airtime.

Other players, especially older ones, seem ambivalent about theme music. Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio of the Astros opt for a genre rather than a specific song, with Bagwell going with hard rock and Biggio preferring something along the lines of U2. The recently retired Tony Gwynn was truly "old school," insisting that the Padres play nothing before his at-bats. Gwynn also grew a little peeved at the Pirates in the early '90s for pumping out the theme from "The Munsters" during his at-bats because actor Fred Gwynne portrayed Herman Munster in the sitcom.

The younger generation tends to spend more time obsessing over its music, whether it's hip-hop, rock, country or even religious music. Players such as Keith Lockhart and Lance Berkman go with upbeat songs by Christian rock bands.

PITCHERS GETTING INTO THE ACT

Hitters don't have the monopoly on theme music. Ever since the Padres adopted the intimidating "Hell's Bells" for closer Trevor Hoffman in 1998, many relievers have asked for their own themes. The Giants' Robb Nen also uses the AC/DC song. Houston's Billy Wagner and Mariano Rivera of the Yankees enter to "Sandman" by Metallica, while Anaheim's Troy Percival comes out of the bullpen to "Smoke on the Water" by Deep Purple.

Pitchers seem more partial to country. The Braves' Kevin Millwood takes the mound to "A Country Boy Can Survive" by Hank Williams Jr. Devil Rays reliever Doug Creek, a West Virginia native, enters to "It's All Right to be a Redneck" by Alan Jackson.

Not all players use the same music all the time. Many teams have two or three songs they rotate for a hitter throughout a game. Hoffman has specific instructions for Hell's Bells, preferring that it begin when he steps out of the bullpen onto the grass and that it be used only in save situations.

"If we're tied in the 10th, he doesn't want to hear it," says George Stieren, the Padres' director of entertainment.

Occasionally, a player will request music that perfectly reflects his personality—his own recording. When Ruben Sierra was with the Yankees, he would step to the plate as a song by his own salsa band played. Last season, Raul Mondesi used cuts from his CD "Loco," which features himself as lead singer.

"It's all about establishing a rhythm and a tempo to the game," says the Devil Rays' Franzone. "If you make savvy musical choices, it's going to make the game more fun for everyone."

Pete Williams is a regular contributor to Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal and USA Today Baseball Weekly.

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By G. Scott Thomas

Joe DiMaggio watched with a mixture of awe and disgust when free agency began to push ballplayers' salaries into the stratosphere.

The most DiMaggio earned in a single season with the Yankees between 1936 and 1951 was \$100,000, roughly the same as \$750,000 today. That explains his outrage in 1980, when his old club handed Dave Winfield a long-term deal worth more than \$2 million a year. "If I were sitting down with George Steinbrenner and based on what Dave Winfield got for his statistics," DiMaggio snapped, "I'd have to say, 'George, you and I are about to become partners.'"

Imagine his reaction if he had lived to see Alex Rodriguez sign with the Rangers for \$25 million a season.

DiMaggio wasn't alone. Old-timers would have us believe they played only for the love of the game. Money, they say, was meaningless. But major leaguers, certainly DiMaggio, have always been intensely concerned about money, a trait they retain in retirement.

Just listen to Bob Gibson, who starred on the mound for the Cardinals from 1959 to 1975. He was asked recently if he would like to match skills with today's hitters. "Yeah, for just one reason," he replied. "I think I'd feel real comfortable making \$15 million to \$20 million a year."

That begs the question: What would all-time greats like DiMaggio and Gibson have been worth if today's hyperinflated salary structure had existed in their time?

Crunching the numbers

We have developed a computer model that provides the answer. The model simulates baseball's pay structure with reasonable accuracy, making it possible to translate past performances to current pay levels. The resulting dollar values are not someone's opinion of what selected players were worth; they are dispassionate estimates of what those players would have earned as free agents today.

DiMaggio, for example, attained his peak value in 1937, when he drilled 46 homers, drove in 167 runs and batted .346. That performance would be worth \$32.4 million on today's market.

Gibson was nearly as valuable. According to the formula, he reached his maximum potential in 1965, when he won 20 games and posted a 3.07 ERA for the Cards. Those numbers would translate to \$32.3 million today.

Other old-timers would have been worth even more.

Two position players, both of whom preceded DiMaggio with the Yankees, enjoyed seasons valued at more than \$40 million in current dollars, dwarfing Rodriguez's actual record of \$25 million a year. Heading the list was Lou Gehrig, whose stats for 1931 included 46 home runs, 184 RBI and a .341 batting average. That performance would bring \$48.3 million on the free-agent market today. The only other position player above \$40 million was Babe Ruth, who crossed the line twice: \$47.9 million in 1921 and \$40.3 million in 1923.

The estimates for top-flight pitchers go even higher. Thirteen hurlers fashioned seasons worth \$60 million or more by today's standards, led by Ed Walsh, who registered a 40-15 record and a 1.42 ERA for the White Sox in 1908. His value was \$67.8 million in today's dollars, more than four times the highest single-season salary ever given a pitcher, Kevin Brown's \$15 million.

Our computer model is based on a study of contracts signed by free agents from 1998 to 2001. The dollar value of a hitter's contract, we discovered, was affected most heavily by

three factors: (1) his number of plate appearances in the past season, (2) his total runs scored in the past four years and (3) his number of RBI during the past four seasons. Batting averages and fielding statistics had surprisingly little influence on pay levels.

The size of a pitcher's deal, we found, was also determined by three factors: (1) his number of strikeouts in the past year, (2) his total innings pitched during the same season and (3) his number of wins and saves in the past four years, under a point system that gave wins three times the value of saves. Earned-run average was among the statistics that had little impact on salary.

One additional factor turned out to be equally important for batters and pitchers—age. If two free agents had comparable statistics, the younger player almost always received higher pay.

It's impossible to be perfectly accurate in estimating free-agent salaries, given the irrationality of today's market, but this model comes close. It follows a three-step process:

1. Collect a player's age and key statistics for a given season.

2. Convert the statistics to reflect today's performance levels. We use a series of formulas to accomplish this step. Gehrig's 46 homers and 184 RBI in 1931, for example, would be the same as 76 homers and 204 RBI now.

3. Use the adjusted numbers to determine a player's value in the current marketplace. The computer compares any player from any year to the corresponding pool of free agents from 1998 to 2001. It matches ages and statistics, determining the approximate salary an old-timer would earn today. A 28-year-old hitter who went to the plate 698 times in a season, scored an average of 113 runs per year over four seasons and drove in 141 runs per year in the same four-season stretch would be worth \$25.2 million, for example, while a pitcher of the same age with 17 wins per year over four seasons, 257 innings pitched and 329 strikeouts would be valued at \$25.5 million.

We used this computer program to assemble two all-star squads of 10 players (see below). The first team is made up of men who achieved the greatest single-season values ever at each position. The second is of recent vintage, limited to the peak values since 1980.

BIG BUCK ALL-TIMERS

All-time all-star team in terms of player value (in millions of current dollars)

Player	Pos	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Johnny Bench	C	1974	Cincinnati (N)	\$25.5	33	129	.280
Lou Gehrig	1B	1931	New York (A)	\$48.3	46	184	.341
Rogers Hornsby	2B	1922	St. Louis (N)	\$31.7	42	152	.401
Ernie Banks	SS	1958	Chicago (N)	\$26.4	47	129	.313
Eddie Mathews	3B	1959	Milwaukee (N)	\$25.7	46	114	.306
Babe Ruth	OF	1921	New York (A)	\$47.9	59	171	.378
Ted Williams	OF	1942	Boston (A)	\$39.2	36	137	.356
Chuck Klein	OF	1932	Philadelphia (N)	\$38.9	38	137	.348

Pitcher	L/R	Year	Team	Value	W	L	ERA
Rube Waddell	L	1904	Philadelphia (A)	\$58.7	25	19	1.62
Ed Walsh	R	1908	Chicago (A)	\$67.8	40	15	1.42

Team total \$410.1 million

MODERN DAY MILLIONAIRES

Modern (since 1980) all-star team in terms of player value (in millions of current dollars)

Player	Pos	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Gary Carter	C	1982	Montreal (N)	\$14.7	29	97	.293
Frank Thomas	1B	1994	Chicago (A)	\$31.6	38	101	.353
Ryne Sandberg	2B	1985	Chicago (N)	\$18.6	26	83	.305
Cal Ripken Jr.	SS	1985	Baltimore (A)	\$25.9	26	110	.282
Wade Boggs	3B	1988	Boston (A)	\$22.3	5	58	.366
Ken Griffey Jr.	OF	1994	Seattle (A)	\$25.5	40	90	.323
Dale Murphy	OF	1983	Atlanta (N)	\$25.4	36	121	.302
Jim Rice	OF	1981	Boston (A)	\$25.3	17	62	.284

Pitcher	L/R	Year	Team	Value	W	L	ERA
Steve Carlton	L	1980	Philadelphia (N)	\$37.0	24	9	2.34
Dwight Gooden	R	1985	New York (N)	\$32.5	24	4	1.53

Team total \$258.8 million

PLAYING THE FIELD

Position leaders in terms of player value (in millions of current dollars)

Catchers	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Johnny Bench	1974	Cincinnati (N)	\$25.5	33	129	.280
Johnny Bench	1972	Cincinnati (N)	\$19.9	40	125	.270
Mickey Cochrane	1932	Philadelphia (A)	\$16.1	23	112	.293
Yogi Berra	1954	New York (A)	\$15.9	22	125	.307
Johnny Bench	1973	Cincinnati (N)	\$15.5	25	104	.253
First basemen	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Lou Gehrig	1931	New York (A)	\$48.3	46	184	.341
Jimmie Foxx	1932	Philadelphia (A)	\$38.6	58	169	.364
Lou Gehrig	1933	New York (A)	\$36.6	32	139	.334
Lou Gehrig	1934	New York (A)	\$36.0	49	165	.363
Lou Gehrig	1932	New York (A)	\$35.6	34	151	.349
Second basemen	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Rogers Hornsby	1922	St. Louis (N)	\$31.7	42	152	.401
Eddie Collins	1915	Chicago (A)	\$26.1	4	77	.332
Nap Lajoie	1901	Philadelphia (A)	\$25.9	14	125	.426
Charlie Gehringer	1936	Detroit (A)	\$25.7	15	116	.354
Charlie Gehringer	1930	Detroit (A)	\$25.5	16	98	.330
Shortstops	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Ernie Banks	1958	Chicago (N)	\$26.4	47	129	.313
Joe Cronin	1933	Washington (A)	\$26.1	5	118	.309
Cal Ripken Jr.	1985	Baltimore (A)	\$25.9	26	110	.282
Ernie Banks	1959	Chicago (N)	\$25.5	45	143	.304
Honus Wagner	1901	Pittsburgh (N)	\$25.3	6	126	.353
Third basemen	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Eddie Mathews	1959	Milwaukee (N)	\$25.7	46	114	.306
Frank Baker	1913	Philadelphia (A)	\$25.5	12	117	.337
Ron Santo	1967	Chicago (N)	\$25.5	31	98	.300
Eddie Mathews	1957	Milwaukee (N)	\$25.2	32	94	.292
Ron Santo	1968	Chicago (N)	\$25.2	26	98	.246
Outfielders	Year	Team	Value	HR	RBI	BA
Babe Ruth	1921	New York (A)	\$47.9	59	171	.378
Babe Ruth	1923	New York (A)	\$40.3	41	131	.393
Ted Williams	1942	Boston (A)	\$39.2	36	137	.356
Chuck Klein	1932	Philadelphia (N)	\$38.9	38	137	.348
Ted Williams	1946	Boston (A)	\$38.7	38	123	.342
Ted Williams	1949	Boston (A)	\$36.0	43	159	.343
Al Simmons	1932	Philadelphia (A)	\$35.2	35	151	.322
Ted Williams	1939	Boston (A)	\$32.6	31	145	.327
Joe DiMaggio	1937	New York (A)	\$32.4	46	167	.346
Bobby Bonds	1973	San Francisco (N)	\$31.7	39	96	.283
Stan Musial	1948	St. Louis (N)	\$31.7	39	131	.376
Bobby Bonds	1972	San Francisco (N)	\$31.5	26	80	.259
Ted Williams	1940	Boston (A)	\$31.5	23	113	.344
Joe DiMaggio	1942	New York (A)	\$31.4	21	114	.305
Ty Cobb	1911	Detroit (A)	\$31.2	8	127	.420
Left-handed pitchers	Year	Team	Value	W	L	ERA
Rube Waddell	1904	Philadelphia (A)	\$58.7	25	19	1.62
Noodles Hahn	1901	Cincinnati (N)	\$58.4	22	19	2.71
Rube Waddell	1905	Philadelphia (A)	\$56.1	27	10	1.48
Rube Waddell	1903	Philadelphia (A)	\$55.3	21	16	2.44
Eddie Plank	1903	Philadelphia (A)	\$55.2	23	16	2.38
Eddie Plank	1905	Philadelphia (A)	\$54.5	24	12	2.26
Lefty Grove	1930	Philadelphia (A)	\$54.3	28	5	2.54
Lefty Grove	1931	Philadelphia (A)	\$54.0	31	4	2.06
Eddie Plank	1904	Philadelphia (A)	\$53.9	26	17	2.17
Hippo Vaughn	1918	Chicago (N)	\$52.8	22	10	1.74
Noodles Hahn	1902	Cincinnati (N)	\$52.5	23	12	1.77
Hippo Vaughn	1919	Chicago (N)	\$51.8	21	14	1.79

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Too rich for Steinbrenner?

The price tag for either roster would be too rich even for Steinbrenner's blood. The 10 players on the all-time team had a combined value of \$410.1 million in today's dollars, \$41 million per man. The modern (since 1980) team was worth \$258.8 million, nearly \$26 million per player.

Here's a closer look at the first team of all-timers:

Catcher: Johnny Bench wasn't a great contact hitter. His lifetime average was only .267. Several catchers have done better than that, including guys who aren't in the Hall of Fame, like Ted Simmons and Elston Howard. But Bench was unsurpassed among catchers as a power hitter. His 1974 season for the Reds (33 HR, 129 RBI) was valued at \$25.5 million.

First base: Gehrig was an amazingly strong hitter for an amazingly long time. The Yankee first baseman launched 30 or more home runs in nine straight years and had at least 112 RBI in 13 consecutive seasons. His career batting average was .340. Gehrig's best season, as noted, was worth an amazing \$48.3 million.

Second base: Rogers Hornsby, by most accounts, was an insufferable human being, but what counted was his ability to hit consistently and with power, a rare combination indeed at second base. Hornsby batted over .350 nine times, ending with a career average of .358. He reached peak value in 1922 (.401, 42 HR, 152 RBI) at \$31.7 million.

Shortstop: Most fans remember Ernie Banks as a first baseman. But Banks played shortstop his first nine seasons with the Cubs, and he played it well, twice being named Most Valuable Player, making him the first player from a losing team to win the award. He earned his first MVP in 1958 with 47 homers and 129 RBI, valued at \$26.4 million in today's dollars.

Third base: Eddie Mathews was generally underappreciated despite his Hall-of-Fame career. It didn't help that he played in Hank Aaron's shadow for the great Milwaukee Braves teams of the 1950s. But Mathews was a feared slugger, especially in 1959, when he walloped 46 homers and drove in 114 runs. The bottom line: \$25.7 million.

Outfield: The phrase "larger than life" is often used to describe Babe Ruth's personality, but it applies equally to his statistics. He blasted more than 40 homers in 11 seasons, and also attained the two highest single-season values for an outfielder. His peak was \$47.9 million in 1921 (.378, 59, 171). The other outfield slots go to Ted Williams, who was worth \$39.2 million for the Red Sox in 1942 (.356, 36, 137), and Chuck Klein, whose 1932 season (.348, 38, 137) for the Phillies was valued at \$38.9 million.

Left-handed pitcher: Starting pitchers were workhorses in baseball's early years, pushing their estimated value sky high, since a key component of this formula is innings pitched.

We somehow assume that the best players get the most money, though today's irrational market doesn't work that way.

(If these old-timers were around today, they would surely pitch fewer innings. But that's not the point. Our goal was to estimate the current value of past performances, whatever they were.) No lefty was worth more than Rube Waddell of the Philadelphia Athletics. He topped the majors with 349 strikeouts in 1904, an astonishingly high number for the dead ball era, contributing to his value of \$58.7 million.

Right-handed pitcher: Ed Walsh was one of the original iron men, averaging 360 innings per season over seven years. His peak value, as mentioned, was \$67.8 million in 1908.

Timing is everything

Every member of this all-star team was a fine player. Some, like Gehrig, Hornsby and Ruth, are conceded to be the best who ever played their positions. But others, like Mathews, Klein and Waddell, could be considered surprise winners.

The reason for our surprise is that most of us equate pay with excellence. We somehow assume that the best players get the most money, though today's irrational market doesn't work that way. Rodriguez was the highest-paid position player in 2001, but he wasn't the MVP. Brown earned more money than any other pitcher, but he didn't win the Cy Young Award.

The same holds true here. Mathews, Klein and Waddell may not have been the best at their positions, but each managed to put together a season with all the critical factors—age and statistics—in perfect alignment, vaulting them to the top of the value rankings.

Kirby Puckett gave perhaps the best explanation of baseball's gap between quality and quantity. "I'm part of this family now," he said when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. "Alex Rodriguez can't get in with \$252 million. We won't let him in. You can't buy into this team."

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(lefthanded pitchers, cont.)

Lefty Grove	1932	Philadelphia (A)	\$51.5	25	10	2.84
Eddie Plank	1907	Philadelphia (A)	\$51.5	24	16	2.20
Steve Carlton	1972	Philadelphia (N)	\$51.4	27	10	1.97
Hal Newhouser	1946	Detroit (A)	\$51.4	26	9	1.94
Sandy Koufax	1965	Los Angeles (N)	\$51.2	26	8	2.04
Sandy Koufax	1966	Los Angeles (N)	\$50.9	27	9	1.73
Wilbur Cooper	1921	Pittsburgh (N)	\$50.7	22	14	3.25

Right-handed pitchers	Year	Team	Value	W	L	ERA
Ed Walsh	1908	Chicago (A)	\$67.8	40	15	1.42
Jack Chesbro	1904	New York (A)	\$67.7	41	12	1.82
Joe McGinnity	1903	New York (N)	\$64.2	31	20	2.43
Christy Mathewson	1908	New York (N)	\$63.8	37	11	1.43
Vic Willis	1902	Boston (N)	\$63.5	27	20	2.20
Cy Young	1902	Boston (A)	\$62.8	32	11	2.15
Grover Alexander	1917	Philadelphia (N)	\$61.0	30	13	1.83
Joe McGinnity	1901	Baltimore (A)	\$60.8	26	20	3.56
Walter Johnson	1913	Washington (A)	\$60.7	36	7	1.14
Grover Alexander	1915	Philadelphia (N)	\$60.1	31	10	1.22
Walter Johnson	1912	Washington (A)	\$60.1	33	12	1.39
Grover Alexander	1911	Philadelphia (N)	\$60.0	28	13	2.57
Walter Johnson	1918	Washington (A)	\$60.0	23	13	1.27
Cy Young	1901	Boston (A)	\$59.8	33	10	1.62
Grover Alexander	1916	Philadelphia (N)	\$59.7	33	12	1.55
Walter Johnson	1914	Washington (A)	\$59.1	28	18	1.72
Joe McGinnity	1904	New York (N)	\$59.0	35	8	1.61
Ed Walsh	1912	Chicago (A)	\$59.0	27	17	2.15
Ed Walsh	1911	Chicago (A)	\$58.9	27	18	2.22
Christy Mathewson	1903	New York (N)	\$58.1	30	13	2.26
Bob Feller	1946	Cleveland (A)	\$57.9	26	15	2.18
Walter Johnson	1916	Washington (A)	\$57.9	25	20	1.90
Walter Johnson	1915	Washington (A)	\$57.6	27	13	1.55
Christy Mathewson	1904	New York (N)	\$57.2	33	12	2.03
Christy Mathewson	1905	New York (N)	\$56.6	31	9	1.28
Ed Walsh	1910	Chicago (A)	\$56.2	18	20	1.27
Joe McGinnity	1902	Balt. (A)-N.Y. (N)	\$56.1	21	18	2.84
Cy Young	1903	Boston (A)	\$56.0	28	9	2.08
Dizzy Dean	1935	St. Louis (N)	\$55.6	28	12	3.04
Grover Alexander	1914	Philadelphia (N)	\$55.3	27	15	2.38
Bob Feller	1941	Cleveland (A)	\$55.3	25	13	3.15
Joe Wood	1912	Boston (A)	\$55.1	34	5	1.91
Ed Walsh	1907	Chicago (A)	\$55.0	24	18	1.60
Cy Young	1904	Boston (A)	\$55.0	26	16	1.97
Dizzy Dean	1936	St. Louis (N)	\$54.6	24	13	3.17
Jack Chesbro	1903	New York (A)	\$54.2	21	15	2.77
Christy Mathewson	1910	New York (N)	\$54.0	27	9	1.89
Mordecai Brown	1909	Chicago (N)	\$53.2	27	9	1.31
Christy Mathewson	1907	New York (N)	\$53.2	24	12	2.00
Joe McGinnity	1906	New York (N)	\$53.1	27	12	2.25
Walter Johnson	1910	Washington (A)	\$52.5	25	17	1.36
Walter Johnson	1917	Washington (A)	\$52.5	23	16	2.21
Robin Roberts	1953	Philadelphia (N)	\$52.4	23	16	2.75
Grover Alexander	1912	Philadelphia (N)	\$52.3	19	17	2.81
Christy Mathewson	1911	New York (N)	\$52.3	26	13	1.99
Bob Feller	1940	Cleveland (A)	\$52.2	27	11	2.61
Robin Roberts	1954	Philadelphia (N)	\$52.2	23	15	2.97
Jim Bagby	1920	Cleveland (A)	\$52.0	31	12	2.89
Jack Coombs	1911	Philadelphia (A)	\$52.0	28	12	3.53
Grover Alexander	1920	Chicago (N)	\$51.6	27	14	1.91
Eddie Cicotte	1919	Chicago (A)	\$51.6	29	7	1.82
Jack Coombs	1910	Philadelphia (A)	\$51.5	31	9	1.30
Stan Coveleski	1919	Cleveland (A)	\$51.5	24	12	2.61
Dizzy Dean	1934	St. Louis (N)	\$51.5	30	7	2.66
George Uhle	1923	Cleveland (A)	\$51.5	26	16	3.77
Stan Coveleski	1920	Cleveland (A)	\$51.3	24	14	2.49
Stan Coveleski	1918	Cleveland (A)	\$50.8	22	13	1.82
Jack Chesbro	1905	New York (A)	\$50.6	19	15	2.20
Robin Roberts	1952	Philadelphia (N)	\$50.6	28	7	2.59
Jack Chesbro	1906	New York (A)	\$50.1	23	17	2.96

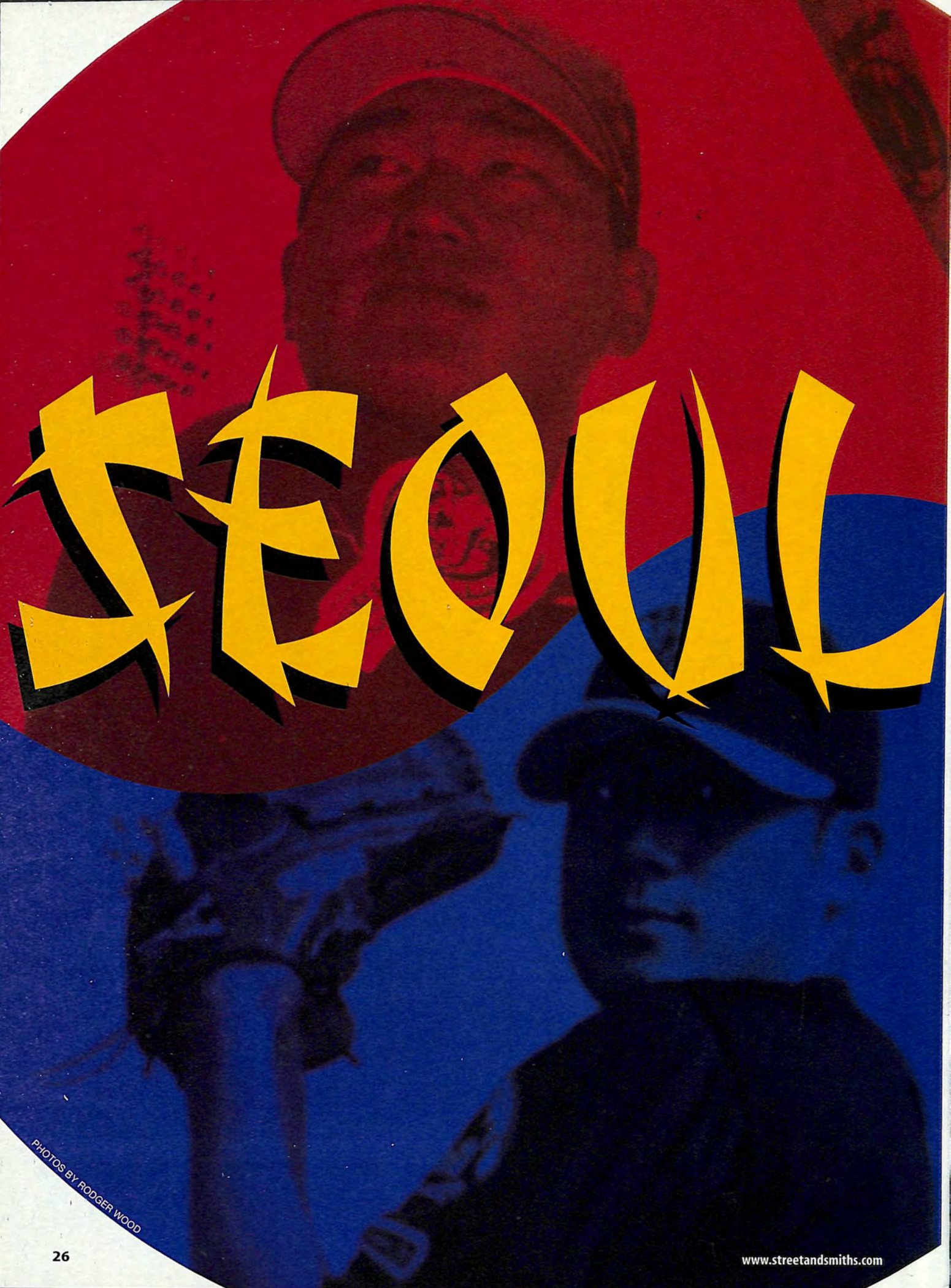
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All roads to the big leagues' Pacific Rim pipeline are beginning to lead straight to South Korea.

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 ae Weong Seo can easily think back to his first pack of baseball cards growing up in South Korea. It contained a picture of an exceedingly tall and gangly young Seattle Mariner who had a penchant for Seo's favorite thing—strikeouts.

"On the back, it said 300 strikeouts," Seo recalls. "Whew, I like him, I thought. It said he throws 96 mph. I said to myself, I like this Randy Johnson."

A decade and a couple thousand strikeouts later, Johnson is a sure Hall-of-Famer coming off a World Series championship, while Seo is trying to follow in his hero's footsteps as one of a growing number of players looking to make the long journey from Korea to the big leagues.



Sun-Woo Kim—Red Sox



Yoon-Min Kweon—Cubs



Jae Weong Seo—Mets

The New Dominican?

While baseball fans and writers debate which Japanese player will be the next Ichiro, it is Japan's next-door neighbor to the west that many scouts point to as the next great talent pipeline out of the Pacific Rim. Already dominating international amateur play over the last few seasons, the Koreans' passion and hunger to succeed in baseball is rivaled only, some say, by the talent-rich Dominicans.

"Like the Dominicans, the players growing up in Korea learn to deal with adversity because most come from meager beginnings and baseball is their way out," says Leon Lee, the Pacific Rim scouting coordinator for the Chicago Cubs. "The kids are pretty tough and a little more westernized in the way they play and practice. Things don't come as easy for players in Korea as they do in Japan. As a result, they're hungrier. And unlike Japan, (where many players' goal is to reach the Japanese big leagues), their big dream is to play in the U.S."

Soccer is still South Korea's most popular sport, but scouts say baseball is catching up very fast. Since 1982, the country has had a professional league, the Korean Baseball Organization, which currently has eight teams and plays a 133-game schedule that culminates in best-of-seven Korean Series in late October.

Major leaguers have had stints the league. The Braves' 2001 playoff hero, Julio Franco, batted .327 with the Samsung Lions in 2000.

Currently, more than half of all major league clubs are actively seeking players in this country of 47.3 million that's known for hard-working, dedicated people. The pacesetters so far have been the Dodgers, Cubs, Braves, Mets, Red Sox, Mariners and Yankees, with the Rockies, Diamondbacks, Reds and Phillies making strong inroads of late. Even the small-market Twins have a full-time scout designated

and in many cases better overall athletes. Most also agree that they tend to be more open to coaching and not as rigid in their approach to the game.

"In Japan, things are more regimented; young players have no real say as to what they want to do and they often end up doing things mechanically," says Leon Lee, who played professionally in Japan for five years. "Koreans are more independent and develop their own hitting style. Once a player gets to the U.S., I find that they do better than ones from Japan,

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for Korea. So far, what they've turned up are mostly pitchers, from bona fide stars like Chan Ho Park of the Dodgers to solid performers such as Arizona's Byung Hyun-Kim, and prized prospects just getting their feet wet in the majors like Boston's Sun-Woo Kim. Most of the top arms still reside in the minor leagues, where Seo, Boston's Seung Song, Atlanta's Jung Bong and Seattle's Cha Sueng Baek have made strong impressions. According to *Baseball America*, three of the top 10 prospects in the Red Sox organization in 2001 were Korean pitchers (Kim, Song and lefty Sang-Hoon Lee).

But as Ichiro and the Mets' Tsuyoshi Shinjo proved that Japan could also produce position players for the big leagues, hopes are high that several everyday Korean players will soon make their mark and truly open the floodgates. The Cubs feature slugging 6-foot-5 first baseman Hee Seop Choi and catcher Yoon-Min Kweon, a defensive ace, while the Mariners boast an Ichiro clone in the low minors in center fielder Shin-Soo Choo.

The Korean difference

Scouts say Koreans tend to be taller and more muscular than their Japanese counterparts,

because they can make a few adjustments and do well with them. And they really take advantage of the training and facilities here. They always seem to rise to the occasion."

And they're easier to sign than Japanese players. After Hideo Nomo's early success with the Dodgers in 1995, the Japanese leagues imposed restrictions that made it near impossible for a major league team to sign a player in his prime without paying an extremely high "posting fee" like the Mariners did with Ichiro. Typically, a Japanese player can't become a true free agent until he's played nine pro seasons. Seattle paid a \$13 million posting fee just for the right to negotiate with Ichiro. Scouts say it's simply easier and more cost-effective these days to get a top prospect out of Korea than Japan.

There are some sticking points. South Koreans must serve a two-year stint in the military after high school by age 27, but they can get that waived if they play for their country's national team. Also, very few Koreans speak English, so the language barrier can produce problems, especially in the low minors when a prospect first arrives here. Bong recalls only knowing the words for his pitches early on,

LEFT TO RIGHT: RODGER WOOD (2); STEVE MOORE



Jung Bong—Braves



Seung Song—Red Sox



Hee Seop Choi—Cubs

but can communicate fluently now. Seo understands English perfectly, but he still has trouble speaking it.

"The languages (Korean and English) are very different," Seo says. "I listen to tapes every night to speak better."

Seo, who was signed in 1998 at age 20, will compete for a spot on the Mets' staff this spring after going 5-1 with a 1.94 ERA at Double-A Binghamton and 2-2, 3.42 at Triple-A Norfolk last season. He says he has believed he would pitch in the big leagues since he was a young boy. "I was a dreamer," he says. "For a long time I've wanted to come to the USA and play baseball."

Seo was good enough that Mets manager Bobby Valentine made a personal visit to Korea in 1997 to help sign him while he was attending Incheon University and playing for the Korean National Team.

Since that time, despite injuries, Seo has made steady progress, and has endeared himself to his teammates at every level, according to Omar Minaya, the Mets' assistant general manager and director of international scouting.

"He's a well-liked, hard-working guy, and the other players look out for him," Minaya says.

Dayton Moore, director of international scouting for the Braves, says a strong work ethic is something you notice right off about Korean players, but he also points to their discipline and respect for the game. He vividly remembers the impression Bong, the Braves' prized Korean pitching prospect, made on him the first time he saw him work out in spring training.

"After he finished pitching in the bullpen, he got down on his hands and knees and filled in all the holes on the mound and then bowed to his catcher," Moore recalls. "It's a very humble society that he comes from. The players are very respectful for baseball tradition. Jung does everything we ask him to do and then some. He's a real perfectionist."

The impending impact of the young Korean

pitchers was perhaps foreshadowed last July at the All-Star weekend in Seattle, where Seo and good friend Song each pitched a scoreless inning for the World team in the annual Futures Game. Seo started the game and struck out two in a 5-1 loss to the U.S. stars.

Great First Base Hope

While pitchers like Seo and Song will keep the scouts interested in Korea, it's Choi who's looked upon as the man who could eventually have them coming in droves. All eyes are on the 22-year-old left-handed slugger this spring as he battles for the Cubs' first base job. Injuries slowed his pursuit last season, but he still managed to hit 13 homers and drive in 45 runs in 266 at-bats at Triple-A Iowa.

Choi attracted the attention of Cubs scout Lee while hitting prodigious shots for the Korean National Team in 1998. Convinced that he could one day translate that power to the big leagues, he spent virtually all of that year trailing Choi, eventually signing him in March 1999 for a bonus of just under \$1 million. Since that time, Lee estimates that he's made about eight trips a year to Korea.

"At the time, the jury was still out on whether an Asian position player could cut it," Lee says. "At the end of that year, we were finally able to get him to Arizona to check him out, and everyone was convinced. Most of the scouts never even paid any attention to the (Korean) hitters, but now in Hee Seop they have someone to compare with. Now, when you go to scout a game (in Korea), the conversation behind home plate is about filling everyday slots.

"If you can get a player like Hee Seop every year or two, (finding Korean talent) is worth financing."

Says the Braves' Moore: "There's no doubt that baseball is a worldwide game now. We're out there every day looking to cultivate talent in Korea." ■

KOREAN SENSATIONS

Here's a list of the top Koreans playing professionally in the U.S. today:

Player, position, last level played, 2001 stats

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

Byung-Hyun Kim, pitcher, Majors
(5-6, 2.94 ERA, 19 SV)

ATLANTA BRAVES

Jung Bong, pitcher, Single-A
(13-9, 3.00 ERA, 145 SO, 168 IP)

BOSTON RED SOX

Sun-Woo Kim, pitcher, Majors
(0-2, 5.83, 41.2 IP)

Sang-Hoon Lee, pitcher, Triple-A
(3-5, 5.43, 4 SV, 53 IP, 44 SO)

Jin Ho Cho, pitcher, Triple-A
(3-10, 4.51, 118 IP)

Seung Song, pitcher, Single-A
(5-2, 1.68, 48 IP, 56 SO)

Tai-In Che, pitcher, Rookie League

Chul Oh, outfielder, Rookie League
(.192, 1 HR, 9 RBI, 130 AB)

CHICAGO CUBS

Hee Seop Choi, first baseman, Triple-A
(.229, 13 HR, 45 RBI, 266 AB)

Yoon-Min Kweon, catcher, Single-A
(.270, 6 HR, 51 RBI, 326 AB)

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Chan Ho Park, pitcher, Majors
(15-11, 3.50, 234 IP, 218 SO)

NEW YORK METS

Jae Weong Seo, pitcher, Triple-A
(2-2, 3.42; 5-1, 1.94 at AA)

SEATTLE MARINERS

Cha Sueng Baek, pitcher, Single-A
(1-0, 3.43, 16 SO, 21 IP)

Shin-Soo Choo, outfielder, Single-A
(.302, 4 HR, 35 RBI, 12 SB, 199 AB in Rookie League; .462 in 13 AB at Single-A)



Cooperstown

No More?

Commentary
By James F. Vail





There's hope that a newly reshaped Veterans Committee can right some old wrongs and place the Baseball Hall of Fame on a more meritorious path.

OPPOSITE: Exterior shot of Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: New inductee Bill Mazerowski with Jane Forbes Clark, the trustees' chairperson; crowd at 2001 induction ceremony; Hall-of-Famer and vice chairman of the trustees, Joe Morgan; Hall-of-Famers Sandy Koufax, Warren Spahn and Steve Carlton at the 2001 induction; new inductee Dave Winfield.

Last August, Hall-of-Fame trustees remodeled Cooperstown's Veterans Committee, its second-line electorate, making the most dramatic changes of the past half-century in the selection procedure for baseball's highest honor.

Replacing its 15-man, "back-door" panel created in 1953 will be a new Veterans Committee comprised of 90 members, including all living Hall-of-Famers and recipients of Cooperstown's career honors for media. Unlike its predecessor, which met and voted annually, the new committee will

vote by mail, every other year, with results of its first election to be announced in February 2003. The trustees also renewed the enshrinement hopes of 1,700 players who were victims of a 1992 change in the Hall's eligibility requirements.

Hall-of-Famer Joe Morgan, vice chairman of the trustees, puts a positive spin on the changes, emphasizing unprecedented extension of Cooperstown's voting privilege to all men honored as the game's living legends. As Morgan contended in a near "Yogiism" reported by

the *Los Angeles Times*: "Who knows what it takes to get here better than the guys who are here?"

But Morgan's spin-doctoring obscured the revision's true purpose—the imposition of greater selectivity on the Veterans Committee process, thus reducing the chances that marginally qualified candidates might gain election. "The board believes in keeping the standards very high and continuing to make it very difficult to earn election," says Jane Forbes Clark, the trustees' chairperson.

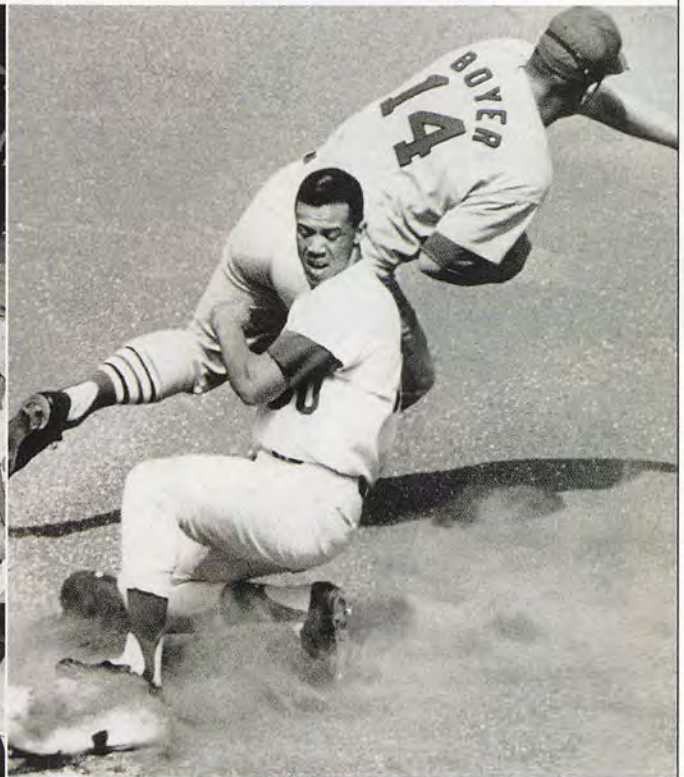
Impetus for the changes was the perception that the old Veterans Committee had elected many unqualified players, cheapening Cooperstown's admission standards. Describing those choices as their "rejects," the complaint was made often by the Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA), the Hall's front-line electors since 1936. Overall, the old panel elected 69 players—seven of them never receiving a single vote from the scribes (including Vic Willis, George Davis and Bid McPhee, all

election), and Mazeroski topped out at 42.3 percent in 1992—so, relative to the writers' voting, both men rate among the old panel's most-endorsed selections.

The trustees denied that Mazeroski's election influenced the changes, but the *Associated Press* reported that "some Hall-of-Famers—including Ted Williams—were unhappy" with Mazeroski's selection, and *USA Today* noted that an unnamed Cooperstown member had complained to Joe Morgan that "it's just

broader dispersion of opinion. Favoritism for contemporaries will be inadequate to swing anyone's election, and the panel may show little empathy for candidates whose previous failures in BBWAA voting will indicate presumably debatable credentials.

The odds-on favorite in the 2003 Veterans Committee balloting should be Gil Hodges, who received more BBWAA votes (3,010) than anyone never to be elected by the writers. But Hodges was also rejected 12 times by the old panel, and



enshrined since 1995), and only 15 ever earning as much as 40-percent support in the writers' voting. But all were many cuts above the likes of Pickles Dillhoefer.

Mazeroski mayhem

Some Hall-of-Famers endorsed that criticism after the elections of Nellie Fox in 1997 and Bill Mazeroski last year. But Fox received a high of 74.5 percent from the scribes in 1985 (two votes shy of

getting too easy to get in" the Hall.

Regardless, the size and diversity of the new Veterans Committee will hinder the election of anyone. Almost two-thirds of the panel (56 members) were chosen for Cooperstown as players, and their various careers spanned six decades (1936-95). Also, 28 of the men were elected in their first year of eligibility, while 11 others were chosen within five ballots, and only 10 were enshrined by the old Veterans group. So the new committee should reflect a

faces stiff competition from Ron Santo, Tony Oliva, Maury Wills and Roger Maris, among others (although the new committee will not be restricted to electing just one man per ballot). Overall, however, the chances that anyone will earn the 75-percent approval required for election next year—or anytime soon—are slim, at best. And the eligibility reinstatements made last August may extend false hopes to the men involved.

Case-by-case, there is merit to some criticism of the old Veterans Committee's

FORGOTTEN DODGERS: Brooklyn first baseman Gil Hodges (above left) receives congratulations from his teammates after hitting a grand slam in the ninth inning against Pittsburgh on May 22, 1951. Another Dodger pictured above who has been snubbed by the Hall, Maury Wills, slides safely into third past third baseman Ken Boyer of the St. Louis Cardinals on September 26, 1965. Wills beat out a bunt for a single, stole second, then went to third when Bill White threw the ball away. The Dodgers won 1-0.

choices, but it ignored the panel's prime reason for existence: the scribes' failures to elect deserving candidates in every era of voting. It also exposed the BBWAA's arrogance that its collective judgment, alone, is the only valid measure of a player's credentials.

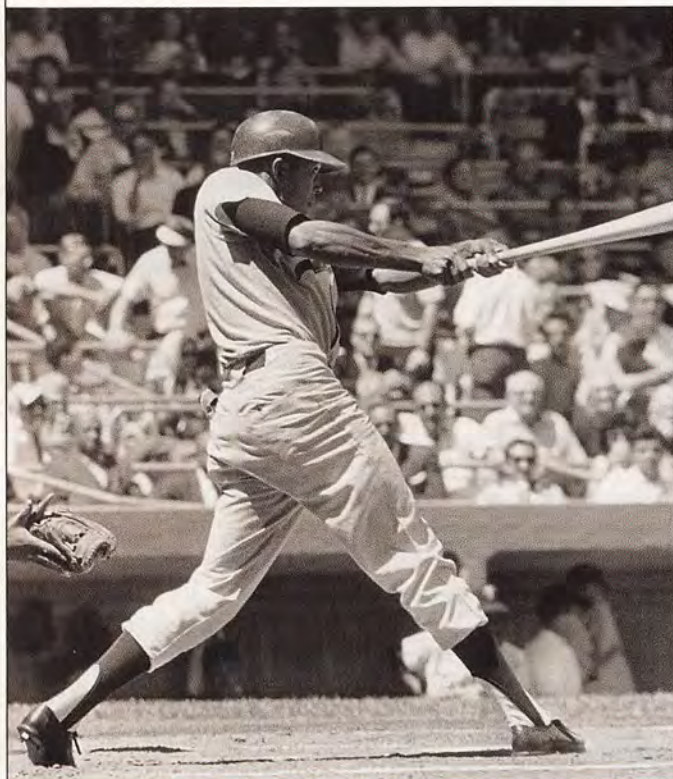
The overlooked and the undeserving

The BBWAA has proved extremely fickle throughout its history of Cooperstown

Unfortunately, the writers are also quite fallible. They invested a combined 2,343 votes electing good-glove, poor-hit shortstops Rabbit Maranville and Luis Aparicio, but never cast a single vote for Vern Stephens, who hit more home runs at that position (213) than anyone but Cal Ripken Jr., Ernie Banks and Alex Rodriguez. Stephens also drove in more runs per game in his 15 seasons (0.68) than any Hall-eligible shortstop in history. Similarly, despite a 119-121 career

Committee could not elect anyone whose career began after 1945 who had not earned 100 votes (through 1991) or 60-percent support (thereafter) in at least one BBWAA election. But the rule was not applied to men whose careers began earlier, producing an unfair result that led to—for almost a decade—less than a dozen post-World War II players being eligible for committee consideration.

Most absurd, however, is that complaints



voting. Inexplicably, 11 sportswriters in 1936 perceived that Babe Ruth was not a Hall-of-Famer, while eight others had the same epiphany about Hank Aaron in 1982, and yet one writer somehow deemed Jewel Ens—whose big-league tenure included only 186 at-bats—worthy of enshrinement in 1950. Jimmie Foxx (534 home runs, 1,922 RBI, .325 batting average) required eight ballots to gain election, Willie McCovey (521, 1,555, .270) just one.

record, Johnny Vander Meer's back-to-back no-hitters of 1938 earned him 700 BBWAA votes, but Kid Nichols' 361 victories—the sixth-best total ever—bought him only 21. There are many more similar examples.

BBWAA arrogance about its collective wisdom also prompted August's eligibility reinstatements. A decade ago, in exchange for keeping Pete Rose off their ballot, the writers acquired trustee agreement that the old Veterans

about the quality of Veterans Committee inductees overlooked the reality that there are not now, and never have been, *any* meaningful standards for election to baseball's shrine. The sole objective criterion applied to date requires only that candidates must have at least 10 years of major league service in the capacity for which they are chosen. Beyond that, worthiness for baseball's Valhalla is left entirely to the whims and biases of Cooperstown's voters.

DESERVING OF A SECOND LOOK: Two major leaguers who starred in the Midwest during the 1960s and 1970s have not received Hall honors. Above left, Tony Oliva, as a rookie right fielder with the Minnesota Twins, propels a Ralph Terry pitch into the right field stands for a two-run homer against the Yankees at Yankee Stadium on May 20, 1964. Chicago Cubs third baseman Ron Santo (10) clicks his heels after his ninth-inning sacrifice fly drove in the winning run in a 5-4 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 24, 1969.



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DURABLE RIGHT-HANDER WON 210 GAMES, LOST 138--ALL IN HIS 18 YEARS WITH CARDINALS. GAINED 20-VICTORY CLASS THREE TIMES. TOSSED 5-0 NO-HITTER VS. BOSTON, 1924. DEFEATED YANKEES TWICE IN 1926 WORLD SERIES. LED N. L. IN COMPLETE GAMES (25), SHUTOUTS (6) WHILE POSTING 24-10 RECORD, 1927.

Depending on the exclusivity of one's standards, the underqualified men already in Cooperstown—**Jesse Haines**, to name one—may include as much as one-third of the players elected to date.

Inside the numbers

But no player's credentials can be judged without appraising statistical performance, so the lack of formal standards prompted the evolution of de facto criteria for election. Through the 2001 voting, every eligible player with at least 3,000 hits, 500 home runs or 300 pitching victories had been elected to the Hall.

Acquiescence to those standards has increased over time. De facto qualifiers accounted for 20 (38 percent) of the 53 BBWAA inductees chosen between 1936 and 1975, and only half of them were elected on their first ballot. In contrast, they comprised 22 (52 percent) of the scribes' 42 selections during 1976-2001, and 17 were first-year choices. From 1992 to 2001 alone, 10 of the writers' 14 inductees achieved some de facto number, and all but two were first-ballot selections.

But reliance on de facto criteria promotes injustices in the BBWAA voting. Their application demeans the credentials of well-qualified players who failed to achieve one of those standards, and their myopic focus on absolute numbers ignores the reality that normal and, therefore, superior performance varies greatly by era. For example, outfielder Gavvy Cravath received only nine Cooperstown votes, but—relative to the norms for his time (1908-20)—his 119 career homers were the rough statistical equivalent of 500 dingers after 1975.

The ascendancy of de facto standards has coincided with increased selectivity among BBWAA electors, who may vote for a maximum of 10 men per year. From 1936 to 1960, on average, each ballot submitted contained nine names. But that average dipped to seven from 1961 to 2000, and was only six during the 1990s, signaling a growing tendency among the writers to leave the fates of marginal candidates to the Veterans Committee.

If both trends persist, the result will be the near impossibility of gaining front-door election without some de facto achievement. Coupled with a rule that halts BBWAA eligibility of candidates who earn less than 5-percent support in any election, that can only increase the errors of omission by the writers, and enhance pressure on the new Veterans Committee to correct them.

An end to the election of marginal candidates may satisfy those who perceive that unqualified players were chosen in the past, but it cannot address injustices rife among the current Hall-of-Fame roster. The 188 players elected through 2001 comprised about 1.3 percent of all major leaguers from 1876 through 1995, the last season a player could be active and appear on the 2001 ballot. Inadvertent as it is, in fairness, that 1.3-percent representational standard should apply about equally for each era and position. But the roster is grossly disproportional on both counts.

Problems of proportion

Through 2001, 62 of Cooperstown's players (33 percent) spent a majority of their careers during the "Live Ball Era"

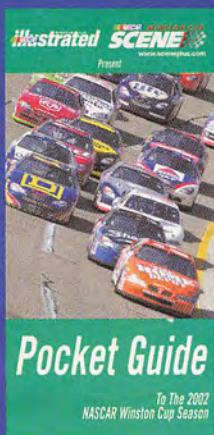
(1920-45), a period encompassing just one-fifth of major league history. But the period 1946-95, which was twice as lengthy and—due to expansion—produced three times as many eligible players as the Live Ball Era, had only 67 members. The roster also included more than twice as many shortstops (19) as third basemen (nine), and 58 percent of its non-pitchers were outfielders or first basemen. Given the BBWAA's marriage to de facto criteria, it will never address those imbalances, nor—it now appears—can the possibly impotent veterans group.

The new procedure also offers no solution for past errors of selection. Depending on the exclusivity of one's standards, the underqualified men already in Cooperstown—Tommy McCarthy, Rube Marquard, Joe Tinker, Fred Lindstrom and Jesse Haines, to name a few—may include as much as one-third of the players elected to date. Realistically, however, they are *faits accomplis*, because the Hall would lose much credibility if all such errors were corrected at once (assuming they could be identified by consensus). So last August's changes were like trying to certify your kid sister's virtue after finding her undergarments in the hayloft.

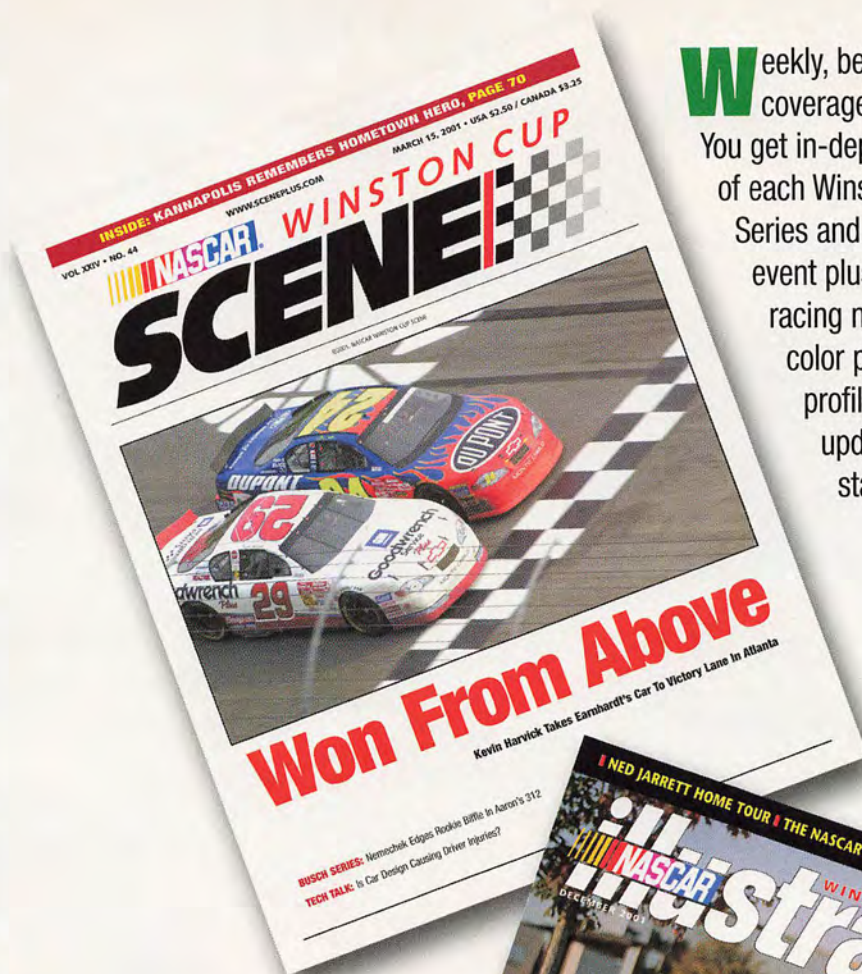
A more just and credible solution would acknowledge that the flaws in the current roster dictate a 1.5-percent representational standard and the application of objective criteria to both elective processes. But, unlike absolute de facto standards, to work fairly the new criteria must be relative to baselines of career-performance norms in various key statistics for all players, in each era and position. Applied as a single-score modifier of each candidate's support percentage in the voting, such a method would give the process an objective, performance-based foundation, reduce the effects of voter fickleness and bias, and preserve the electors' individual subjective license.

Unless and until that happens, the selection process will remain broken and earn the Hall's home a new name—Bloopertown. ■

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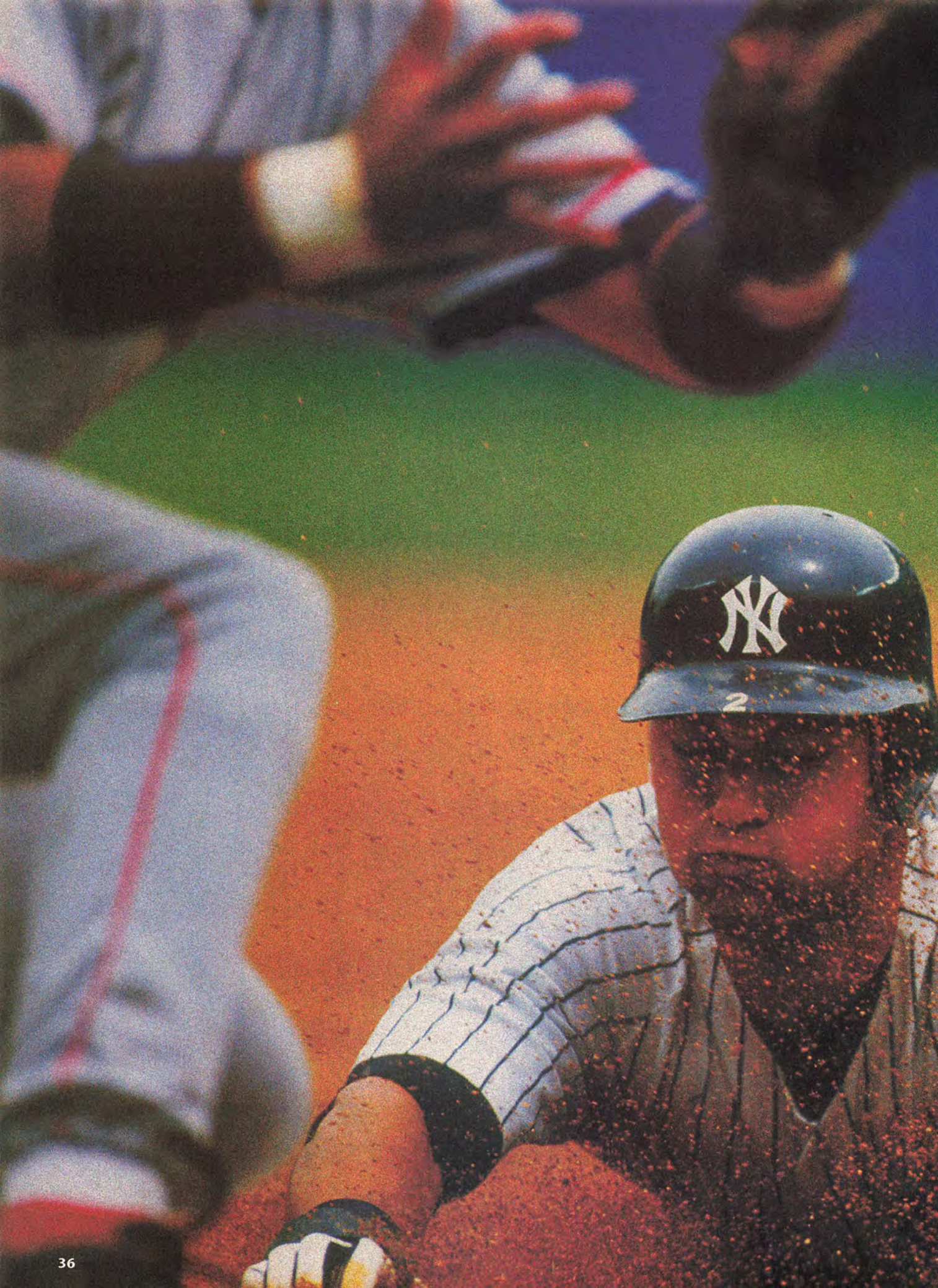



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STOLEN BASE, R.I.P

With the home run taking over and the
slide-step now common among pitchers,
can the stolen base ever regain its
former place in the game?

By Pete Williams

SCOTT JORDAN LEVY

Last season, stolen bases totals were down 12.5 percent from as recently as 1997. They were 19.3 percent lower than 1990 and 25 percent less than in 1987, when an all-time high of 3,585 bases were swiped.

Like acid-washed jeans, hair bands and Ralph Macchio, the stolen base has been left behind in the 1980s, locked in a time capsule for future baseball historians to examine.

The steal might not yet be extinct, but Otis Nixon can pinpoint exactly when it moved onto the endangered species list. Early in the 1998 season, while he was playing for the Twins, Nixon took a lead off first base during Randy Johnson's last days with Seattle.

The outfielder had long since memorized Johnson's leg kick, knowledge that can help a base-stealer only so much against a left-hander staring at first base from the stretch position—let alone the hardest throwing lefty in the game.

As Johnson set, Nixon inched toward second, waiting for the high leg kick. This time, it didn't come. Instead of lifting his right leg

off the ground, Johnson quickly stepped forward and delivered the pitch. Had Nixon taken off, he almost certainly would have been thrown out, yet another victim of the "slide-step."

"Once the Big Unit slide-stepped on me, I knew the game had changed," says Nixon, who with 620 career stolen bases ranks 15th on the all-time list. "You can't just take off and run like you used to."

Indeed, if every action has an equal and opposite reaction, then perhaps it's not surprising that as home run totals have soared, stolen base figures have plunged like internet stocks.

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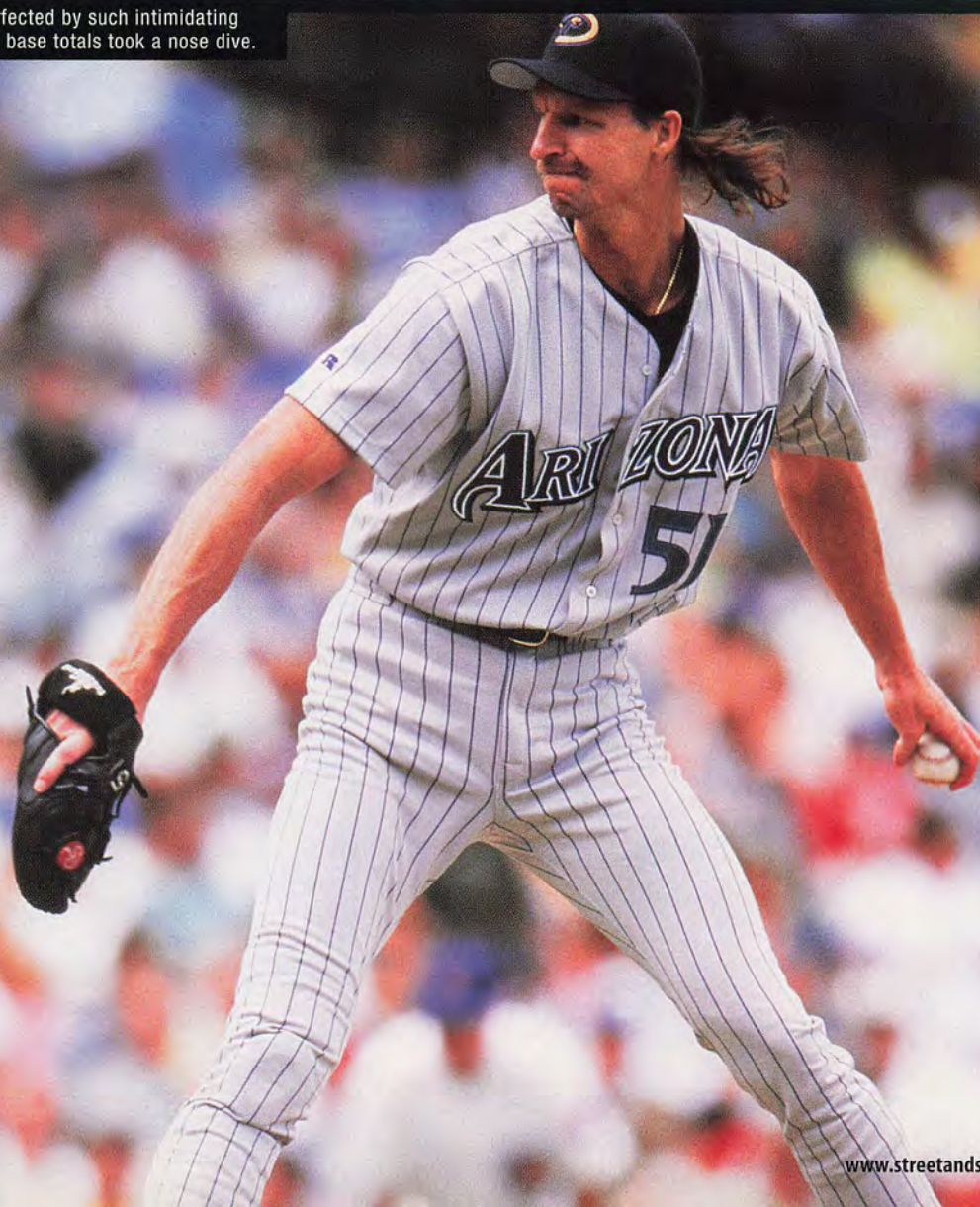
of 3,585 bases were swiped. Fifteen clubs stole fewer than 100 bases in 2001, and a National Leaguer needed to steal just 28 bags to finish seventh in the league. The average team swiped just 103.4 bases.

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

Whatever the reason—power ball, smaller ballparks, the removal of AstroTurf in Kansas City, Philadelphia and St. Louis, the closing of the Astrodome, or the near-universal use of the slide-step by pitchers—stolen base totals slipped to the lowest point in 25 years in 2000 before showing a slight uptick last season.

"Base-stealing is a lost art and it has been for a long time," says Milwaukee Brewers manager Davey Lopes, who stole 557 bases between 1972 and 1987. "Guys aren't willing to apply

When the slide-step became perfected by such intimidating lefties as Randy Johnson, stolen base totals took a nose dive.



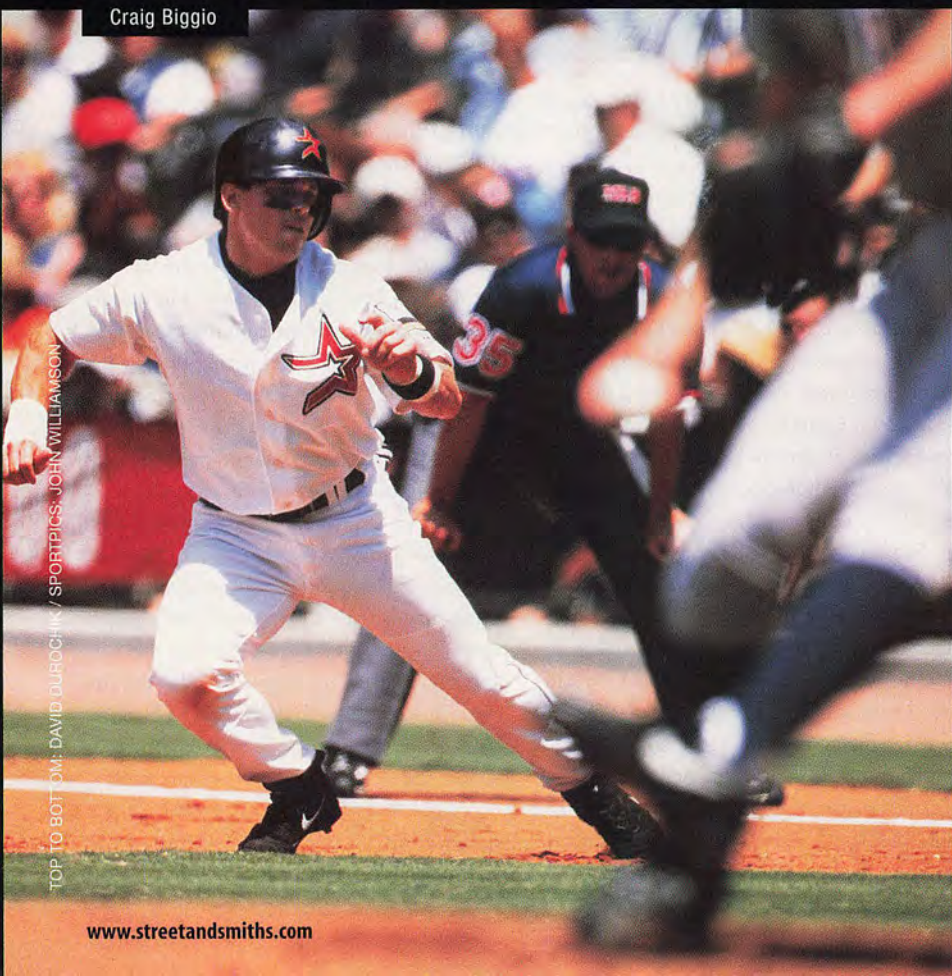
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Craig Biggio



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the same concentration and focus as a base-stealer as they do at the plate."

Why should they? In power-obsessed 2002, the stolen base has become as rare and unappreciated as the drag bunt and the complete game. The single-season home run mark has been broken twice in four seasons and could fall again. But it's unlikely anyone ever again will steal 100 bases, let alone approach Rickey Henderson's record 130.

While Barry Bonds smashed 73 homers in '01, no National Leaguer has stolen 73 bases since 1992. The 46 bags that lead the N.L. last season was the lowest total for a non-strike season since 1963. In 1985, an N.L. player with 46 steals would have finished 64 bases behind Vince Coleman and not cracked the top five.

The standard for a premier power hitter has been raised from 30 home runs a season to 45, but base-stealing expectations have been lowered. Henderson stole more than 75 bases seven times and, at age 42, stole 25 last season with San Diego. He had 36 in 2000.

"People don't realize how amazing it is for someone to be stealing like that at any age," Nixon says. "Stealing 70 bases today is like someone 15 years ago stealing 100."



"Everyone's infatuated with the home run," says Kenny Lofton, who led the A.L. in steals each season from 1992 to 1996. "You get paid to hit homers, not steal bases."

It's perhaps symbolic of the shift from speed to power that McGwire eclipsed Roger Maris's home run record in '98 in the ballpark that Whitey Herzog's 1980s Cardinals made famous for speed. Of course, the Busch Stadium outfield that Coleman and Willie McGee patrolled now consists of grass, not carpet.

So what in the name of Ron LeFlore happened to the steal? "Everyone's infatuated with the home run," says Kenny Lofton, who led the A.L. in steals each season from 1992 to 1996. "You get paid to hit homers, not steal bases."

Eric Davis saw that shift develop as far back as the mid-1980s. In 1986, Davis, then 24, stole 80 bases for Cincinnati while hitting 27 homers. He stole 50 the following season, but when injuries kept him from playing in more than 135 games in subsequent years, he became labeled as a brittle player.

"My base-stealing wasn't appreciated," says Davis, who played for the Giants last season. "All anyone wanted to talk about was how many games I missed. They never talked about why I missed them, because I played on artificial turf and wore myself out on the base paths.

I figured some aspect of my game had to go and that was the area I could afford to have suffer."

Still, there is ample evidence to suggest that the steal, like John Travolta, could make a comeback after a 15-year slump.

YOUNG THIEVES OFFER HOPE

Last season, the N.L. stolen base title was shared by a rookie (Jimmy Rollins) and a player who barely used up his rookie status the previous season (Juan Pierre). In the A.L., Ichiro Suzuki, with 56, led the pack, which included fellow rookies Alfonso Soriano, Luis Rivas and Jason Tyner in the top 10.

Suzuki, Mike Cameron and Mark McLemore each swiped more than 30 bases for the Mariners. Had Philadelphia's Doug Glanville stolen two more and the Yankees' Derek Jeter an additional three, baseball would have had three teams with a trio of 30-base stealers for the first time in more than a decade.

The future looks even brighter. Last season, St. Louis prospect Christopher Morris stole 111 bases for Class A Peoria, one year after former Cardinals farmhand Esix Snedeker racked up 109

at Class A Potomac. No one at any level of pro ball had swiped 100 since Coleman led the N.L. with 109 in 1987.

While most teams still play long ball, some have rediscovered the value of the steal. Lumbering, high-paid squads like the Red Sox and Rangers struggled last season, but upstart clubs flourished with the running game. The Phillies were the most surprising unit in the N.L. in 2001, in part because rookie manager Larry Bowa (who stole more than 300 bases as a player) gave the green light often enough for the team to lead the league in steals.

The A.L.'s surprise team was the Twins, who finished third in the league with 146 steals. But base-stealing prowess was not confined to young squads with a low payroll and limited power. The teams that squared off for the A.L. pennant, Seattle and New York, also led the league in steals. The Yankees' Paul O'Neill, at 38, became the oldest player ever to hit 20 homers and steal 20 bases in the same season.

"I like to see that kind of aggressive play," says Joe Torre, a former N.L. player who managed the Cardinals and two other N.L. teams

before his current job. "When the opportunities present themselves, we're going to steal bases."

SLIDE-STEPPING AWAY

Those opportunities are more difficult because of the widespread use of the slide-step. Like creatine and elbow padding, it's difficult to pinpoint the exact origin of the move. Dick Bosman might have been the first to introduce it on a broad scale when he was the pitching coach for the Chicago White Sox in 1986-87.

Bosman noticed that Carlton Fisk was having difficulty throwing out runners because pitchers such as Floyd Bannister, Jose DeLeon and Rich Dotson had high leg kicks. Bosman figured the pitchers were delivering the ball in 1.7 seconds, as much as four-tenths of a second more slowly than others with quick releases.

Realizing that most bases are stolen on pitchers and not catchers, and that one-tenth of a second can be the difference between a stolen base and an out, Bosman told the pitchers to eliminate the leg kick and use their lower bodies to drive and push their arms forward. Soon the technique was taught throughout the White Sox system.

"I prefer to call it a quick step," says Bosman, who later worked as the pitching coach for the Orioles and Rangers and spent last season as a minor league coach for the Devil Rays. "It takes a coordinated effort on the part of the pitcher. Most guys find initially that their body gets in front of their arm. The ball has to start when the knee does."

Not surprisingly, many elite base-stealers struggle to match their early successes once teams counter with the slide-step.

"When I came up in '92, you'd only see a few guys doing it," Lofton says. "Now every pitcher has a slide-step, and it's made it very difficult to steal. You may have the perfect timing and technique, but it means nothing because of the slide-step."

The slide-step, like the pitchout, is not used on every pitch with a man on base. Many teams signal the slide-step from the bench if a manager or coach senses that a player is going to run. Unlike the pitchout, the slide-step can be thrown for strikes, although not every pitcher has mastered throwing as effectively with the slide-step.

It's not uncommon for left-handers to use the slide-step, even though they have an inherent advantage over righties in facing first base from the stretch position.

"It's made base-stealing very difficult," says Brady Anderson, who stole 53 bases for Baltimore in 1992 but never more than 36 since. "When I first came up, there were a lot of



Jimmy Rollins

pitchers I could go first pitch on. Pitchers are much more conscious of the runner now."

Says Twins coach Paul Molitor, who ranks among the top 40 base-stealers of all time: "With the approach the pitching staffs and coaches have taken to speed up delivery times, it's going to be very difficult for someone to steal 80 again. And those players who used to steal 20 or 30 bases have seen their totals cut in half."

LAUNCHING THE COUNTEROFFENSIVE

As with any development that tilts the game in one direction, countermeasures have been taken. First base coaches such as Lee Mazzilli of the Yankees and John Moses of the Mariners take stopwatches onto the field to help measure how quickly pitches are getting to the plate. Other clubs have added former base-stealing stars such as Gary Pettis (White Sox) and Juan Samuel (Tigers) to coaching staffs.

Jerry White, a reserve outfielder on Montreal teams that included LeFlore and a young Tim Lincecum, has become a base-stealing guru. As a coach with the Tigers in 1997, he helped the team lead the A.L. in steals for the first time since 1934. Now, as the Twins' first base coach, he has that young club off and running.



Ichiro Suzuki

White, like Pettis, holds periodic coaching sessions with groups of players to discuss base-stealing. Nobody expects a team to model itself after the '85 Cardinals, but teams have proven that the stolen base does need not go the way of the two-night doubleheader.

"In one sense, it's never been easier to steal because teams don't expect it anymore," White says. "With a little work, a team can take a page out of the past and sneak up on people." ■

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1. New York Yankees
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3. Toronto Blue Jays
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1. Chicago White Sox
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5. Montreal Expos

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1. Houston Astros
2. St. Louis Cardinals
3. Chicago Cubs
4. Milwaukee Brewers
5. Cincinnati Reds
6. Pittsburgh Pirates

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1. Arizona Diamondbacks
2. San Francisco Giants*
3. Los Angeles Dodgers
4. Colorado Rockies
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over
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A.L. Pedro Martinez, Red Sox

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AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST



Lord George and his wallet will preside over another division title.

By Joe Strauss, *Baltimore Sun*

For a sixth consecutive season, the American League East produced either a World Series entry or a team with its league's best record. The New York Yankees extended their seemingly dominant run by surprising the Oakland A's and Seattle Mariners to reach their fifth Series in six years.

Look deeper and problems are rife within a division long known for its deep pockets, deep pitching and a virtually automatic wild-card entry.

The division, a cumulative 38 games below .500, narrowly avoided having just one winning team as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Baltimore Orioles finished with 198 combined losses and the league's two worst records, an unprecedented combination.

New York Yankees

The 95-65 Yankees were the only division entry to finish with one of the league's best six records. The Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays and Orioles assembled Opening Day payrolls exceeding \$70 million only to end up with lesser records than the \$30 million Minnesota Twins.

The offseason responses suggest further stratification between the Yankees and at least three of their four rivals.

As they did the previous winter with free-agent pitcher Mike Mussina, the Yankees designated first baseman Jason Giambi as their offseason target, then went about overwhelming the market to sign him to a seven-year, \$120 million deal. It took *Sports Illustrated* less than two weeks to superimpose Giambi's face on a picture of Babe Ruth, while the rest of the division needed even less time to tacitly concede the Pinstripes a fifth straight division crown.

Boston Red Sox

Only the Red Sox appeared to challenge the Yankees' early sweep of the free-agent market. Initially held hostage by the pending sale of the club by the Yawkey Trust, embattled General Manager Dan Duquette appeared to make the

Sox a more functional bunch by trading away gifted but combustible center fielder Carl Everett, trading for starting pitcher Dustin Hermanson and signing free-agent center fielder Johnny Damon, who will be a huge plus for a team long lacking speed and defense.

Toronto Blue Jays

More has been said recently about the Montreal Expos possibly leaving Canada than the Blue Jays remaining there. Everyone acknowledges the Expos are horrid. Problem is, no one really knows for sure about Ontario's Team.

Developing more consistency from a rotation led by Roy Halladay and Chris Carpenter, and receiving a large payoff from their commitment to Kelvin Escobar as closer, will ultimately determine whether the Blue Jays rediscover an identity or are again Canada's forgotten team.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

There may be reason to start believing under Tropicana Field's screw-top dome.

In his fifth season, General Manager Chuck LaMar finally appears committed to a younger team, unaffected by the jaded attitudes of jaded veterans. Diminished payroll has helped him reach that conclusion, but a developing pitching staff may vindicate it. Following a purge of several veterans last season, the Rays responded by going 35-39 after the All-Star break, while their pitching staff improved from a 5.63 first-half ERA to 4.12 in the second half.

Baltimore Orioles

Running out of excuses, the Orioles turn to the oldest one of all to explain last season's 63-98 meltdown, their worst finish since 1988: injuries.

Third baseman/icon Cal Ripken's retirement leaves the club without a presence, while a promising crop of young arms—Josh Towers, Rick Bauer, Sean Douglass, Erik Bedard and Jorge Julio—at least offers a glimmer of hope.



DIVISION'S BEST

TOP PLAYER:

Manny Ramirez Red Sox

TOP PITCHER:

Pedro Martinez Red Sox

TOP ROOKIE:

Nick Johnson Yankees

New York Yankees

After Steinbrenner's offseason shopping spree, Yankees are ready to show who's Boss again.

Proving once and for all that they play by their own set of financial rules, the New York Yankees reacted to a crushing World Series defeat to the Arizona Diamondbacks with the most sweeping makeover of their roster since rising to power in 1996.

Sentiment had no place.

Right fielder Paul O'Neill, third baseman Scott Brosius and good-luck charm Luis Sojo retired. Left fielder and leadoff hitter Chuck Knoblauch was forced to pursue a one-year deal with the Kansas City Royals. First baseman Tino Martinez, perhaps the clubhouse's most popular player, was told thanks for the memories. Outfielder David Justice was dealt to the cross-town rival Mets for a new third baseman, Robin Ventura.

The Yankees will ask more this year of the developing power bat of catcher Jorge Posada, who posted a career-high 95 RBI last season with three grand slams.



While Commissioner Bud Selig bemoaned the game's flagging economics, Yankees principal owner George Steinbrenner responded by committing \$164.25 million to four free agents.

All this after the Yankees were an inning away from a fourth consecutive world championship before Mariano Rivera blew a gasket in Game Seven.

George's offseason frenzy

Steinbrenner's answer was to sign A's free-agent first baseman **Jason Giambi** for \$120 million, then add free-agent left fielder **Rondell White**, reliever **Steve Karsay** and left-handed starter **Sterling Hitchcock** for another \$44.25 million. The Boss became enraged when the Mets traded for Cleveland Indians All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar. Alomar would have added only another \$8 million to a payroll that should only approach \$115 million this season but swell to \$150 million within two years.

The moves come while division foes Baltimore, Tampa Bay and Toronto have adopted small- or mid-market ideologies. Only the eternally dysfunctional Boston Red Sox seem capable of answering the Yankees quarter-for-dollar.

The Yankees' offensive acquisitions are intended to reinforce what had been an organizational commitment to patience and on-base percentage. Those principles eroded the past two seasons as the Yankees averaged only 91 wins while winning their third and fourth consecutive division titles.

Power surge added

Giambi (.342, 38 HR, 120 RBI) led the American League with a .660 slugging percentage as well as a .477 on-base percentage. As a team, the Yankees compiled a .334 on-base percentage, the American League average. The Yankees actually



Only one rookie (Tommie Agee, 1966) has ever surpassed Yankee second baseman Alfonso Soriano's 2001 totals of 18 home runs and 43 stolen bases in a season.

had a higher team batting average, had more extra-base hits, stole almost 100 more bases and hit more home runs than Giambi's A's last season. However, they still scored 80 fewer runs than the wild-card winner. The Yankees reached the World Series despite scoring 67 fewer runs than the year before.

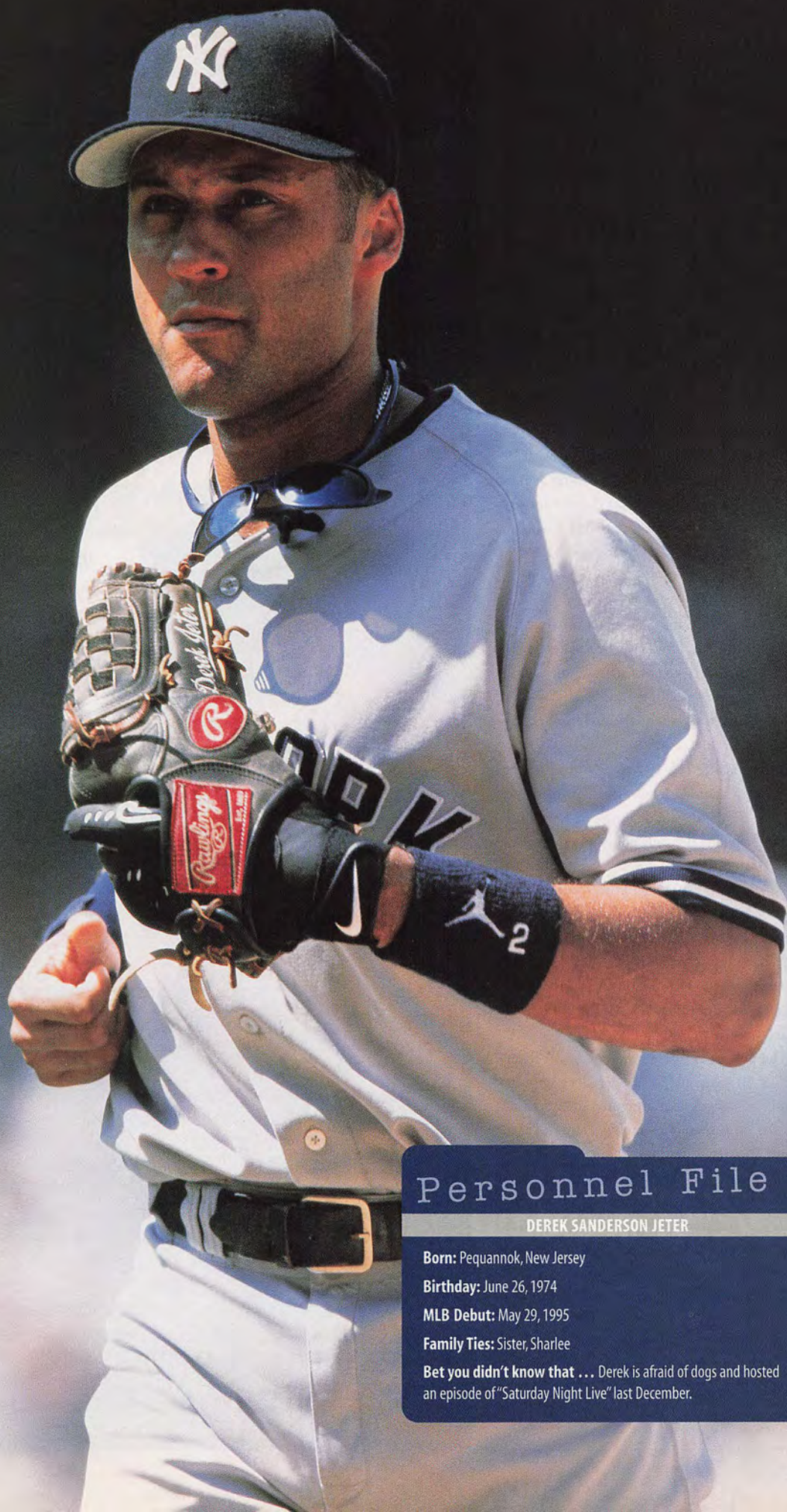
Giambi's 129 walks represent the patience that has long typified his new team. The Yankees' restructured lineup will likely have shortstop **Derek Jeter** (.311, 21, 74) batting leadoff. Jeter was successful on 27 of 30 stolen-base attempts and scored 110 runs last season. Defensively, Jeter will be surrounded by Ventura (.237, 21, 61), whose production numbers with the Mets bettered those of Brosius in a down year, and second baseman **Alfonso Soriano**, whose numbers (.268, 18, 73, 43 stolen bases) would have been good enough to earn Rookie-of-the-Year honors if not for the arrival of Mariners flash Ichiro Suzuki.

Signing White will provide stability to what served as a source of controversy last season when Knoblauch was converted from second base to left field. White's .900 on-base/slugging percentage would have trailed only center fielder **Bernie Williams** (.917) among Yankees last season. White, 30, is capable of huge numbers but has played more than 130 games in only two of nine seasons.

Williams, who has received 600 plate appearances the last three seasons, could find himself

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.267	6	RUNS	804	5	FIELDING	.982	6
TOTAL BASES	2426	8	HOME RUNS	203	4	ERA	4.02	3
SLUGGING	.435	7	STOLEN BASES	161	2	SAVES	57	1
ON-BASE %	.334	8	LEFT ON BASE	1123	7	OPP. BA	.257	4



Personnel File

DEREK SANDERSON JETER

Born: Pequannok, New Jersey

Birthday: June 26, 1974

MLB Debut: May 29, 1995

Family Ties: Sister, Sharlee

Bet you didn't know that ... Derek is afraid of dogs and hosted an episode of "Saturday Night Live" last December.

hitting second in manager Joe Torre's newfangled lineup after batting .300 (.307) for a seventh consecutive season despite a difficult start.

Shane Spencer and John Vander Wal could represent a platoon in right field. Spencer, 30, has never earned a full-time role, partly because of his offensive impatience. Vander Wal is among the game's most patient hitters. At 35, he received more than 400 at-bats for the first time in his career last season.

Catcher Jorge Posada (.277, 22 HR, career-high 95 RBI) could become Torre's regular cleanup hitter. Posada managed credible production numbers despite a string of 87 at-bats without a home run.

Clemens gets older, better

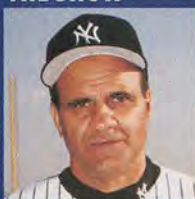
Pitching carried the Yankees last season. Roger Clemens (20-3, 3.51 ERA) won a record sixth Cy Young Award at 39 despite arguably being outpitched by teammate Mike Mussina (17-11, 3.15). The Yankees were 47-19 when the duo started, 48-46 in all other games. Clemens won the award despite lacking a complete game and trailing Mussina in strikeouts, innings and ERA. However, the Rocket became the first pitcher in major league history to win 20 of his first 21 decisions, and is 29-5 with 17 no-decisions since being activated from the disabled list on July 2, 2000.

Andy Pettitte (15-10, 3.99) and Hitchcock (6-5, 5.63) provide a strong left-handed presence along with solid postseason resumes. Pettitte remains the only active pitcher with at least 100 decisions to never suffer a four-game losing streak and has won at least 12 games in each of his seven seasons, including at least 14 wins in his last six seasons. Neither Clemens nor Mussina can make such a claim. Orlando Hernandez retains a tenuous hold on the fifth starter's role. An injury-filled season (4-7, 4.85) ended poorly.

The bullpen remains a strength with Rivera, whose 50 saves in 71 appearances were the third-highest total in league history. Rivera pitched more than one inning in 13 of his saves, giving rise to questions about how far the Yankees can extend arguably their most valuable asset. They answered by signing Karsay to a four-year deal that returns a durable arm to the void created by free agent Jeff Nelson's defection to the Mariners the previous winter.

Left-handed setup man Mike Stanton (9-4, 2.58) has averaged 72 appearances the last six seasons, and Ramiro Mendoza relieved in all but two of his 56 appearances in 2001. With Karsay, there may be no more durable bullpen in either league. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



JOE TORRE
Manager

COACHES

Rick Down
Lee Mazzilli
Rich Monteleone
Willie Randolph
Mel Stottlemire
Don Zimmer



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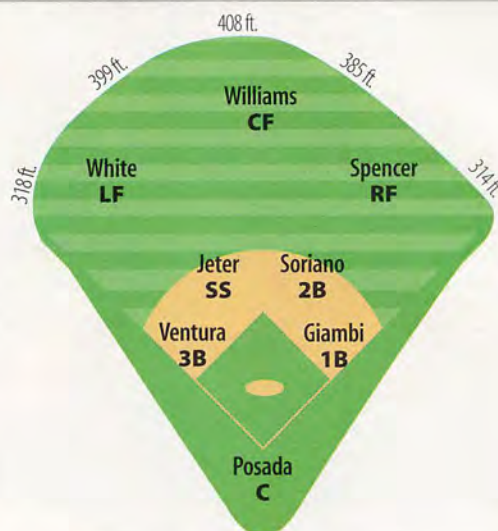
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Hitchcock (LH)
Hernandez (RH)

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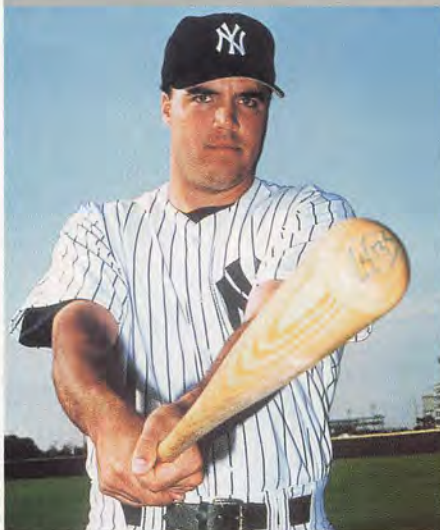
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IMPACT ROOKIE: NICK JOHNSON



Ultra-patient slugger is Yanks' heir apparent at first base

Johnson has been the Yankees' top prospect for the last three years and would already have a regular job if not for a mysterious wrist injury that sidelined him for all of the 2000 season. Unlike a typical first baseman, his forte is being able to get on base (.407 on-base percentage), showing extreme patience at the plate and the ability to make contact. His power (18 HR/.462 slugging percentage) is emerging slowly, as he sacrificed his batting average and showed a little more aggressiveness at the plate. Defensively, he is outstanding, showing first-step quickness and the soft hands needed to scoop low throws. With Jason Giambi set at first base, Johnson should see plenty of time at DH.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Nick Johnson, 1B
2. Drew Henson, 3B
3. Brandon Claussen, LHP
4. Deivi Mendez, SS
5. Juan Rivera, OF
6. Erick Almonte, SS
7. Alex Graman, LHP
8. Jason Arnold, RHP
9. Marcus Thames, OF
10. John-Ford Griffin, OF

Every year, the Yankees seem to trade away truckloads of talent, but their scouting and development staffs do a terrific job of replenishing the system on an annual basis. Johnson's ability to get on base (.407 percentage), hit for power (.462 slugging percentage) and play defense allowed New York to part ways with Tino Martinez. Henson has incredible power potential, but needs to tighten up his strike zone and improve his defense. Claussen was solid at two levels (Class A and AA), leading the minors with 220 strikeouts, and commands four above-average pitches.

Mendez had an off-year offensively, partly due to injury,

but is a stylish defender with excellent speed. Rivera became more disciplined at the plate, leading to an increase in power and productivity at Triple-A Columbus, where he hit .327 with 14 homers and 40 RBI in just 199 at-bats. He could platoon in right field. Almonte has nothing to prove in Triple-A, and deserves a utility role with his defense, power and speed. Graman (12-9, 3.52 at Double-A) throws hard, with two nasty breaking pitches, but had inconsistent command in 2001.

Arnold is a polished, college-experienced pitcher with three quality pitches, including an explosive fastball that can reach 96 mph. He had a 1.50 ERA during 10 starts in the short-season Class A New York-Penn League, including a .150 opponents' average. Thames had a breakout season during his third turn in the Double-A Eastern League, thumping 31 home runs and improving his plate discipline (0.72 BB/K). Griffin, the Yankees' No. 1 pick in 2001, is a pure hitter with power and plate discipline.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
95	Ryan Bradley	R	R	6-4	226	10/26/75	Covina, CA	Norwich (AA) Tampa (A)	4-5 3-1	6.63 3.08	16 7	12 7	0 0	0 0	58.1 38.0	47 27	48 22	53 32
38	Randy Choate	L	L	6-3	180	09/05/75	San Antonio, TX	Columbus (AAA) New York	1-1 3-1	2.08 3.35	4 37	0 0	0 0	0 0	4.1 48.1	7 34	3 27	4 35
	Brandon Claussen	L	L	6-2	175	05/01/79	Rapid City, SD	Tampa (A) Norwich (AA)	5-2 9-2	2.73 2.13	8 21	8 21	0 1	0 0	56.0 131.0	47 101	13 55	69 151
22	Roger Clemens	R	R	6-4	238	08/04/62	Dayton, OH	New York	20-3	3.51	33	33	0	0	220.1	205	72	213
	Alex Graman	L	L	6-4	200	11/17/77	Huntingburg, IN	Norwich (AA)	12-9	3.52	28	28	1	0	166.1	174	60	138
65	Adrian Hernandez	R	R	6-2	185	03/25/75	Havana, Cuba	Columbus (AAA) New York	8-7 0-3	5.51 3.68	21 6	21 3	0 0	0 0	117.2 22.0	116 15	60 10	97 10
26	Orlando Hernandez	R	R	6-2	220	10/11/69	Villa Clara, Cuba	Tampa (A) Staten Island (A)	0-0 1-0	0.00 0.00	2 1	2 1	0 0	0 0	7.0 6.0	6 2	1 1	8 11
								New York	4-7	4.85	17	16	0	0	94.2	90	42	77
41	Sterling Hitchcock	L	L	6-0	205	04/29/71	Fayetteville, NC	Lake Elsinore (A) Portland (AAA)	0-2 2-0	4.10 3.71	6 3	6 3	0 0	0 0	26.1 17.0	33 20	1 2	31 11
								San Diego	2-1	3.32	3	3	0	0	19.0	22	3	15
								New York	4-4	6.49	10	9	1	0	51.1	67	18	28
	Steve Karsay	R	R	6-3	215	03/24/72	Flushing, NY	Cleveland Atlanta	0-1 3-4	1.25 3.43	31 43	0 0	0 0	1 7	43.1 44.2	29 44	8 17	44 39
48	Randy Keisler	L	L	6-3	190	02/24/76	Richards, TX	Columbus (AAA) New York	5-7 1-2	5.18 6.22	18 10	18 10	3 0	0 0	97.1 50.2	111 52	39 34	88 36
62	Brandon Knight	L	R	6-0	170	10/01/75	Oxnard, CA	Columbus (AAA) New York	12-7 0-0	3.66 10.13	25 4	25 0	3 0	0 0	162.1 10.2	174 18	45 3	173 7
61	Ted Lilly	L	L	6-0	185	01/04/76	Lameta, CA	Columbus (AAA) New York	0-0 5-6	2.84 5.37	5 26	5 21	0 0	0 0	25.1 120.2	16 126	8 51	30 112
55	Ramiro Mendoza	R	R	6-2	195	06/15/72	Los Santos, Panama	New York	8-4	3.75	56	2	0	6	100.2	89	23	70
35	Mike Mussina	S	R	6-2	185	12/08/68	Williamsport, PA	New York	17-11	3.15	34	34	4	0	228.2	202	42	214
43	Christian Parker	R	R	6-1	200	07/03/75	Albuquerque, NM	New York	0-1	21.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	8	1	1
46	Andy Pettitte	L	L	6-5	225	06/15/72	Baton Rouge, LA	New York	15-10	3.99	31	31	2	0	200.2	224	41	164
42	Mariano Rivera	R	R	6-2	185	11/29/69	Panama City, Panama	New York	4-6	2.34	71	0	0	50	80.2	61	12	83
	Brian Rogers	R	R	6-6	210	02/13/77	Pinehurst, NC	Norwich (AA)	10-9	3.96	29	29	1	0	177.1	187	63	150
29	Mike Stanton	L	L	6-1	215	06/02/67	Houston, TX	New York	9-4	2.58	76	0	0	0	80.1	80	29	78
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Alberto Castillo	R	R	6-0	185	02/10/70	San Juan de la Maguana, DR	Toronto	.198	66	131	9	26	4	0	1	4	1
36	Bobby Estalella	R	R	6-1	205	08/23/74	Hialeah, FL	Fresno (AAA) San Francisco	.318 .204	6 29	22 93	3 11	7 19	1 5	0 1	1 3	4 10	0 0
								Columbus (AAA)	.257	48	171	26	44	10	1	10	38	0
								New York	.000	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
43	Todd Greene	R	R	5-10	208	05/08/71	Augusta, GA	Columbus (AAA) New York	.252 .208	34 35	131 96	16 9	33 20	8 4	0 0	6 1	17 11	3 0
20	Jorge Posada	S	R	6-2	200	08/17/71	Santurce, Puerto Rico	New York	.277	138	484	59	134	28	1	22	95	2
#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
57	Erick Almonte	R	R	6-2	180	02/01/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Norwich (AA) Columbus (AAA)	.250 .287	3 97	12 345	2 55	3 99	0 19	0 3	0 12	0 55	1 4
								New York	.500	8	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	2
12	Clay Bellinger	R	R	6-3	215	11/18/68	Oneonta, NY	Columbus (AAA) New York	.214 .160	26 51	98 81	13 12	21 13	10 1	0 1	1 5	9 12	3 1
25	Jason Giambi	L	R	6-3	235	01/08/71	West Covina, CA	Oakland	.342	154	520	109	178	47	2	38	120	2
67	Drew Henson	R	R	6-5	220	02/13/80	San Diego, CA	Norwich (AA) Tampa (A)	.368 .143	5 5	19 14	2 2	7 2	1 0	0 0	0 1	0 3	1 1
								Columbus (AAA)	.222	71	270	29	60	6	0	11	38	2
2	Derek Jeter	R	R	6-3	195	06/26/74	Pequannock, NJ	New York	.311	150	614	110	191	35	3	21	74	27
60	Nick Johnson	L	L	6-3	224	09/19/78	Sacramento, CA	Columbus (AAA) New York	.256 .194	110 23	359 67	68 6	92 13	20 2	0 0	18 2	49 8	9 0
	F.P. Santangelo	S	R	5-10	180	10/24/67	Livonia, MI	Oakland	.197	32	71	16	14	4	0	0	8	1
33	Alfonso Soriano	R	R	6-1	180	01/07/78	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	New York	.268	158	574	77	154	34	3	18	73	43
4	Robin Ventura	L	R	6-1	198	07/14/67	Santa Maria, CA	New York (NL)	.237	142	456	70	108	20	0	21	61	2
14	Enrique Wilson	S	R	5-11	180	07/27/75	Santo Domingo, D R	Pittsburgh New York	.186 .242	46 48	129 99	7 10	24 24	3 5	0 1	1 1	8 12	0 0
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
56	Juan Rivera	R	R	6-2	170	07/03/78	Guarenas, Venezuela	Norwich (AA) Columbus (AAA)	.320 .327	77 55	316 199	50 39	101 65	18 11	3 1	14 14	58 40	5 4
								New York	.000	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Scott Seabol	R	R	6-4	200	05/17/75	McKeesport, PA	Columbus (AAA) Norwich (AA)	.266 .250	78 31	282 128	32 16	75 32	19 7	1 0	10 4	42 19	3 1
								New York	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Shane Spencer	R	R	5-11	225	02/20/72	Key West, FL	Columbus (AAA) New York	.231 .258	49 80	173 283	17 40	40 73	10 14	1 2	3 10	14 46	4 4
	Marcus Thames	R	R	6-2	205	03/06/77	Louisville, MS	Norwich (AA)	.321	139	520	114	167	43	4	31	97	10
28	John Vander Wal	L	L	6-2	197	04/29/66	Grand Rapids, MI	Pittsburgh San Francisco	.278 .252	97 49	313 139	39 19	87 35	22 6	3 1	11 3	50 20	7 1
	Rondell White	R	R	6-1	215	02/23/72	Milledgeville, GA	West Tenn. (AA) Chicago (NL)	.143 .307	9 95	28 323	2 4	4 99	1 19	0 1	2 17	4 50	0 1
51	Bernie Williams	S	R	6-2	205	09/13/68	San Juan, Puerto Rico	New York	.307	146	540	102	166	38	0	26	94	11
17	Gerald Williams	R	R	6-2	187	08/10/66	New Orleans, LA	Tampa Bay New York	.207 .170	62 38	232 47	30 12	48 8	17 1	0 0	4 0	17 2	10 3

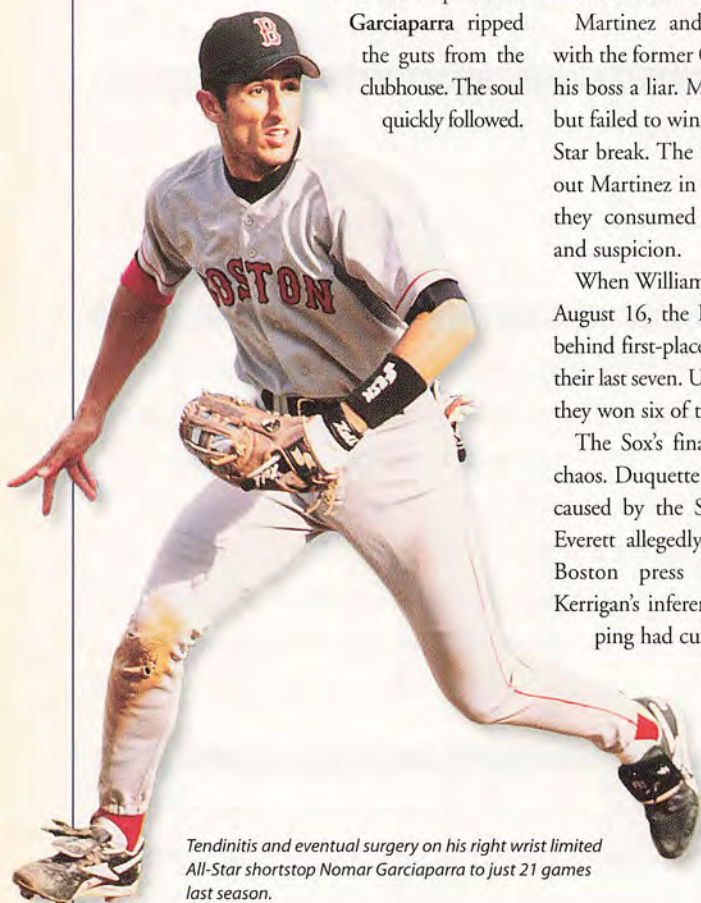
Boston Red Sox

Red Sox retool lineup, clubhouse in search of new mix to combat Yanks.

In Boston, it's known as the Big Dig. Part construction project, part money pit, its completion as an underground highway remains years away. Given the state of the beloved Red Sox, perhaps the nickname would be better spent on a team bent on burying itself last season.

It doesn't matter that the Red Sox finished a distant second to the New York Yankees. Their self-destructive ways transformed them into an object of local ridicule as the Yawkey Trust shopped for a buyer. Season-ending injuries to ace Pedro Martinez, catcher Jason Varitek

and shortstop Nomar Garciaparra ripped the guts from the clubhouse. The soul quickly followed.



Tendinitis and eventual surgery on his right wrist limited All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra to just 21 games last season.

Barely-hidden mistrust between General Manager Dan Duquette and manager Jimmy Williams flared into an ugly spectacle. An 11-23 finish only underscored divisions within a mutinous clubhouse.

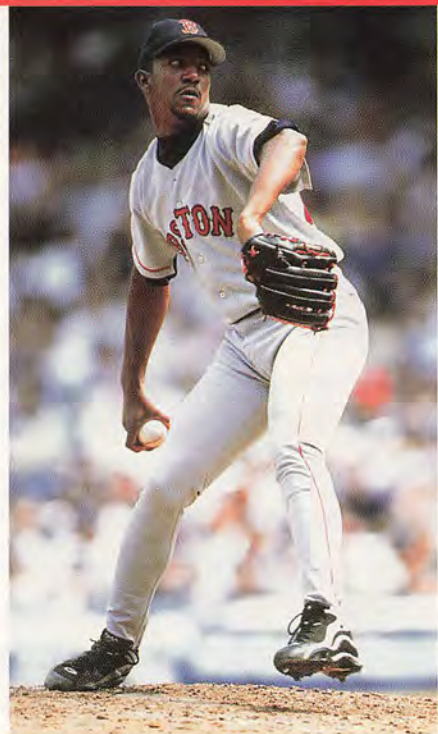
The Red Sox were tied for the division lead—and Williams safe, for the moment—as late as July 21, when they stood at 56-41. But no amount of momentum could overcome the drag created by the absence of Garciaparra, Varitek and Martinez, who went away June 27 with tendinitis in his right shoulder.

'Era of Bad Feeling' over?

Martinez and Duquette exchanged words, with the former Cy Young Award winner calling his boss a liar. Martinez returned on August 26 but failed to win any of three starts after the All-Star break. The Red Sox are a .500 team without Martinez in the best of times. In the worst, they consumed themselves with self-loathing and suspicion.

When Williams was fired (or emancipated) on August 16, the Red Sox stood only five games behind first-place New York despite losing six of their last seven. Under new manager Joe Kerrigan, they won six of their first nine—then crashed.

The Sox's final 35 games brought little but chaos. Duquette shut off workouts during a lull caused by the September 11 terrorist attacks. Everett allegedly called Kerrigan a racist. The Boston press became so disgusted with Kerrigan's inference that the media's eavesdropping had cultivated a clubhouse cancer that reporters boycotted his office following a September 24 loss. Manny Ramirez left Fenway Park early and then failed to show for the season finale in Baltimore, an act of insubordination left unpunished.



Despite starting only 18 games, Pedro Martinez still ranked ninth in the A.L. in strikeouts with 163 in 116 innings, and opposing hitters managed only a .199 average against him.

Duquette's dealing

Everett was traded to the Texas Rangers for left-handed pitcher Darren Oliver. Free-agent center fielder Johnny Damon signed a four-year, \$31 million deal. Duquette, rumored to be on a short plank, also traded for St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Dustin Hermanson and pushed for the signing of free-agent arm John Burkett, who inked a two-year deal, \$11 million deal. Given a healthy return by Martinez—hardly a given—the Red Sox have turned weakness into strength.

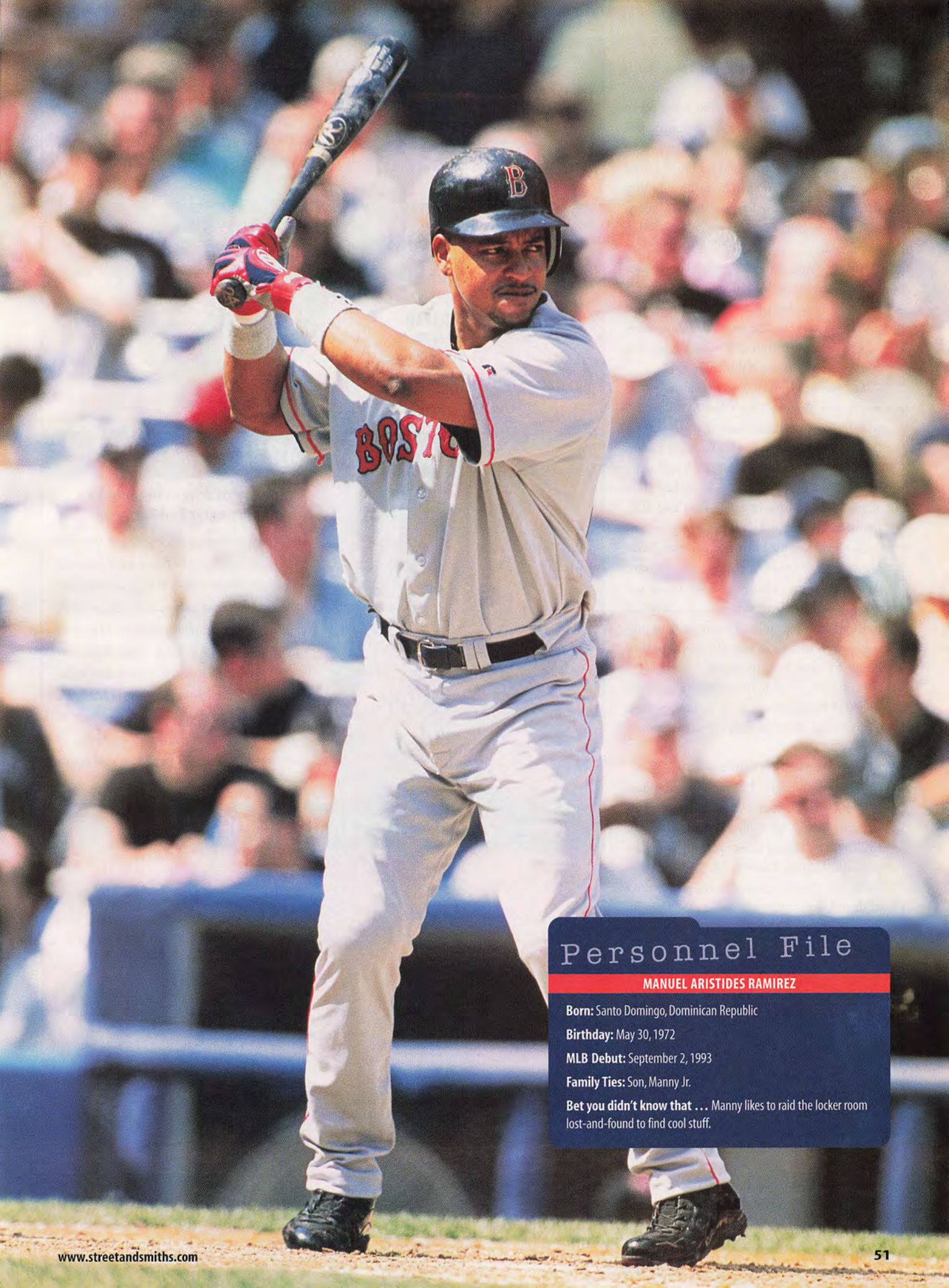
Kerrigan is signed through 2003, but will have to improve his standing. His frequent lineup manipulations belied his promise to offer more stability than Williams.

The Red Sox lost 26 players to the disabled list last season, most in the majors. They became known as impatient hitters with the least effective leadoff hitters in the game. Kerrigan insists that will change as a more disciplined approach is instilled. Damon's credentials will help.

Damon (career-low .256, 9 HR, 49 RBI in Oakland) has averaged 112 runs the past four seasons despite having a slow start drag his on-base percentage from .382 in 2000 to .324 last season. The versatile 28-year-old managed 49

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.266	7	RUNS	772	7	FIELDING	.981	8
TOTAL BASES	2461	5	HOME RUNS	198	6	ERA	4.15	4
SLUGGING	.439	5	STOLEN BASES	46	14	SAVES	48	4
ON-BASE %	.334	7	LEFT ON BASE	1161	10	OPP. BA	.254	3



Personnel File

MANUEL ARISTIDES RAMIREZ

Born: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Birthday: May 30, 1972

MLB Debut: September 2, 1993

Family Ties: Son, Manny Jr.

Bet you didn't know that ... Manny likes to raid the locker room lost-and-found to find cool stuff.

fewer hits, scored 28 fewer runs and stole 19 fewer bases.

Ramirez (.306, 41, 125), who turns 30 in May, enjoyed another monster season despite hamstring and wrist problems. He drove in 50 runs in his first 40 games, and became the third player to homer 40 times in his first season with the Sox. He will play left field barring injury, leaving underrated Trot Nixon (.280, 27, 88) to roam right.

After playing only 21 games last season, Garciparra's return at shortstop should help a lineup that had less success against left-handed pitching, averaging .256 with one homer every 38 at-bats compared to .270 with a home run every 26 at-bats facing right-handers.

The waiver claim of Detroit Tigers switch-hitting first baseman Tony Clark (.287, 16, 75) adds further punch to a team that last year hit the fifth-most home runs (198) in team history.

Shea Hillenbrand (.263, 12, 49) will get a second shot at third base. He ranked third among A.L. rookies in home runs and RBI, fourth in slugging and sixth in batting.

Last year's Opening Day first baseman, Brian Daubach, will usually be seen as this season's designated hitter. Daubach, Anaheim Angels third baseman Troy Glaus and Cleveland Indians first baseman Jim Thome were the only A.L. players to have at least 49 percent of their hits go for extra bases last season.

Varitek's expected return is huge. Opponents stole 223 bases last season on Boston pitchers, 66 more than the next-most vulnerable team.

Remade rotation looks solid

Martinez, Burkett, Hermanson, converted reliever Derek Lowe and Oliver are the projected rotation, though Oliver's status could be challenged by Paxton Crawford, Sun-Woo Kim or Carlos Castillo. Lowe (5-10, 3.53 ERA) has made only 22 major league starts, all but three of them before 1999, but was ousted from his closer role after the July addition of Ugueth Urbina from the Expos.

Burkett, 37, has enjoyed only one winning season since 1993, but reached last summer's All-Star Game en route to a career-best 3.04 ERA.

Tim Wakefield (9-12, 3.90) appears headed for middle relief after making 17 starts in 2001. Casey Fossum, 24, represents a leading left-handed option along with Jeff Wallace. Rich Garces, Rolando Arrojo and Wakefield will work the right side.

A matchup specialist, Garces is 19-3 with a 3.11 ERA the last three seasons, giving him the best winning percentage among major league relievers with at least 15 decisions in that span.

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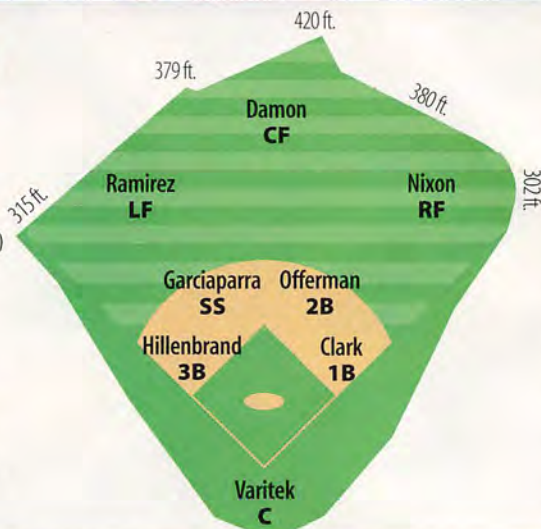


ROTATION

Martinez (RH)
Hermanson (RH)
Lowe (RH)
Burkett (RH)
Oliver (LH)

BULLPEN

Urbina (RH)
Garces (RH)
Arrojo (RH)
Wakefield (RH)
Wallace (LH)
Fossum (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: CASEY FOSSUM



'Sneaky' middle man could be innings-eater Red Sox need

The Red Sox were hoping to gain some innings in middle relief from Fossum, but he turned out to be one of their most dependable starters in the final month. The slightly built hurler doesn't possess much velocity (88-91 mph), but is sneaky-fast with his delivery and registers plenty of strikeouts (9.9 strikeouts per game) with his slider and curveball. His command is outstanding and he is very efficient with his pitches, but needs to develop his change-up further. He doesn't present a great deal of upside, but can be the quality, innings-eating type of pitcher that every team needs. He could be used as both a starter and middle reliever in 2002.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Tony Blanco, 3B
2. Seung Song, RHP
3. Casey Fossum, LHP
4. Rene Miniel, RHP
5. Anastacio Martinez, RHP
6. Angel Santos, 2B
7. Dernell Stenson, OF
8. Brad Baker, RHP
9. Mat Thompson, RHP
10. Freddy Sanchez, SS

The Boston minor league system may be as weak as it ever has. Low-ceiling players and players that have under-achieved reside at each level. Blanco has the most promise, showing excellent power and a strong throwing arm, although he's several years away and had minor shoulder surgery in 2001. Song was the organization's Pitcher of the Year, with a combined 1.90 ERA and a devastating sinker at two Class-A levels. Fossum won't overwhelm with velocity, but will battle hitters with his impressive command. He hopes to earn a roster spot this spring.

Miniel made rapid adjustments to the South Atlantic

League, dominating in the second half with a 91-95 mph fastball. Martinez has a big-time arm, can command his fastball and has an above-average change-up, but he needs to develop consistency with his delivery. Santos has both power (14 HR) and speed (27 SB) at a key defensive position, but will have to wait for 2003. Stenson can hit the ball a long way, but his strike-zone judgment deteriorates yearly. This season will be a make-or-break year for him.

The promising Baker dealt with some mechanical problems last season, harming his command, but has the durable arm that Boston likes. Thompson uses outstanding movement and command to get hitters out and will be a solid, end-of-the-rotation starter. Sanchez is a solid defender who makes good contact but doesn't have much power or speed, and will likely be a utility infielder.

First basemen Calvin Pickering and Juan Diaz will challenge for a DH/1B spot. Right-handers Sun-Woo Kim and Juan Pena will vie for a bullpen role.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
44	Rolando Arrojo	R	R	6-4	220	07/18/68	Havana, Cuba	Sarasota (A)	0-1	6.00	2	2	0	0	3.0	4	1	5
								Boston	5-4	3.48	41	9	0	5	103.1	88	35	78
18	Willie Banks	R	R	6-1	200	02/27/69	Jersey City, NJ	Syracuse (AAA)	8-5	3.25	24	23	0	0	146.2	151	53	121
								Pawtucket (AAA)	2-0	1.42	2	2	0	0	12.2	8	3	12
								Boston	0-0	0.84	5	0	0	0	10.2	5	4	10
19	John Burkett	R	R	6-3	215	11/28/64	New Brighton, PA	Atlanta	12-12	3.04	34	34	1	0	219.1	187	70	187
	Carlos Castillo	R	R	6-0	190	05/06/81	Santo Domingo, DR	Pawtucket (AAA)	9-11	3.41	28	21	5	0	163.2	179	24	114
								Boston	0-0	6.00	2	0	0	0	3.0	3	0	0
37	Frank Castillo	R	R	6-1	200	04/01/69	El Paso, TX	Pawtucket (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	7.2	7	0	3
								Boston	10-9	4.21	26	26	0	0	136.2	138	35	89
63	Paxton Crawford	R	R	6-3	205	08/04/77	Little Rock, AR	Pawtucket (AAA)	1-3	5.52	6	6	1	0	29.1	43	7	15
								Boston	3-0	4.75	8	7	0	0	36.0	40	13	25
	Jorge de la Rosa	L	L	6-1	192	03/05/81	Monterrey, Mexico	Sarasota (A)	0-1	1.21	12	0	0	2	29.2	13	12	27
								Trenton (AA)	1-3	5.84	29	0	0	0	37.0	56	20	27
59	Casey Fossum	S	L	6-1	160	01/09/78	Cherry Hill, NJ	Trenton (AA)	3-7	2.83	20	20	0	0	117.2	102	28	130
								Boston	3-2	4.87	13	7	0	0	44.1	44	20	26
34	Rich Garces	R	R	6-0	245	05/18/71	Maraca, Venezuela	Lowell (A)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	2.0	1	0	1
								Boston	6-1	3.90	62	0	0	1	67.0	55	25	51
	Josh Hancock	R	R	6-3	217	04/11/78	Cleveland, MS	Trenton (AA)	8-6	3.65	24	24	0	0	130.2	138	37	119
	Dustin Hermanson	R	R	6-2	200	12/21/72	Springfield, OH	St. Louis	14-13	4.45	33	33	0	0	192.1	195	73	123
62	Sun-Woo Kim	R	R	6-2	180	09/04/77	Inchon, South Korea	Pawtucket (AAA)	6-7	5.36	19	14	0	0	89.0	93	27	79
								Boston	0-2	5.83	20	2	0	0	41.2	54	21	27
32	Derek Lowe	R	R	6-6	200	06/01/73	Dearborn, MI	Boston	5-10	3.53	67	3	0	24	91.2	103	29	82
	Anastacio Martinez	R	R	6-2	180	11/03/80	Villa Mella, DR	Sarasota (A)	9-12	3.35	25	24	1	0	145.0	130	39	123
45	Pedro Martinez	R	R	5-11	170	10/25/71	Manogayabo, DR	Boston	7-3	2.39	18	18	1	0	116.2	84	25	163
	Darren Oliver	R	L	6-2	220	10/06/70	Kansas City, MO	Tulsa (AA)	0-1	5.40	1	1	0	0	5.0	4	2	5
								Oklahoma (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	3	0	3
								Texas	11-11	6.02	28	28	1	0	154.0	189	65	104
57	Juan Pena	R	R	6-5	215	06/27/77	Santo Domingo, DR	Sarasota (A)	0-3	5.19	8	8	0	0	26.0	29	11	31
41	Ugueth Urbina	R	R	6-2	205	02/15/74	Caracas, Venezuela	Montreal	2-1	4.24	45	0	0	15	46.2	42	21	57
								Boston	0-1	2.25	19	0	0	9	20.0	16	3	32
49	Tim Wakefield	R	R	6-2	210	08/02/66	Melbourne, FL	Boston	9-12	3.90	45	17	0	3	168.2	156	73	148
51	Jeff Wallace	L	L	6-2	238	04/12/76	Wheeling, WV	Durham (AAA)	0-0	3.86	7	0	0	0	9.1	6	7	11
								Orlando (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	1.0	1	1	3
								Tampa Bay	0-3	3.40	29	1	0	0	50.1	43	37	38

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
56	Steve Lomasney	R	R	6-0	195	08/29/77	Melrose, MA	Trenton (AA)	.249	58	209	24	52	14	2	10	29	0
								Pawtucket (AAA)	.286	17	63	10	18	4	0	2	9	2
28	Doug Mirabelli	R	R	6-1	218	10/18/70	Kingman, AZ	Texas	.102	23	49	4	5	2	0	2	3	0
								Boston	.270	54	141	16	38	8	0	9	26	0
33	Jason Varitek	S	R	6-2	220	04/11/72	Rochester, MI	Boston	.293	51	174	19	51	11	1	7	25	0

#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Tony Clark	S	R	6-7	245	06/15/72	Newton, KS	Detroit	.287	126	428	67	123	29	3	16	75	0
23	Brian Daubach	L	R	6-1	201	02/11/72	Belleville, IL	Pawtucket (AAA)	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Lowell (A)	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Boston	.263	122	407	54	107	28	3	22	71	1
66	Juan Diaz	R	R	6-2	228	02/19/76	San Jose de las Lajas, Cuba	Pawtucket (AAA)	.269	74	279	45	75	17	1	20	51	0
5	Nomar Garciaparra	R	R	6-0	180	07/23/73	Whittier, CA	Pawtucket (AAA)	.438	4	16	3	7	2	0	1	4	0
								Boston	.289	21	83	13	24	3	0	4	8	0
29	Shea Hillenbrand	R	R	6-1	200	07/27/75	Mesa, AZ	Boston	.263	139	468	52	123	20	2	12	49	3
26	Lou Merloni	R	R	5-10	194	04/06/71	Framingham, MA	Pawtucket (AAA)	.262	52	195	30	51	12	0	4	20	2
								Boston	.267	52	146	21	39	10	0	3	13	2
30	Jose Offerman	S	R	6-0	190	11/11/68	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Boston	.267	128	524	76	140	23	3	9	49	5
57	Calvin Pickering	L	L	6-5	275	09/29/76	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	Rochester (AAA)	.282	131	461	62	130	25	0	21	98	0
								Louisville (AAA)	.250	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
								Cincinnati	.250	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
								Boston	.280	17	50	4	14	1	0	3	7	0
53	Angel Santos	S	R	5-11	185	08/14/79	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Trenton (AA)	.271	129	510	75	138	32	0	14	52	26
								Pawtucket (AAA)	.200	4	15	1	3	1	0	0	2	1
								Boston	.125	9	16	2	2	1	0	0	1	0
65	Dernell Stenson	L	L	6-1	230	06/17/78	LaGrange, GA	Pawtucket (AAA)	.237	122	464	53	110	18	1	16	69	0
68	Wilton Veras	R	R	6-2	198	01/19/78	Monte Cristi, DR	Pawtucket (AAA)	.230	136	521	44	120	16	2	8	52	5

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
56	Israel Alcantara	R	R	6-2	180	05/06/73	Santo Domingo, D R	Pawtucket (AAA)	.297	119	451	80	134	26	1	36	90	9
								Boston	.263	14	38	3	10	1	0	0	3	1
13	Michael Coleman	R	R	5-11	215	08/16/75	Nashville, TN	Columbus (AAA)	.238	29	101	16	24	3	3	4	17	3
								New York (AL)	.211	12	38	5	8	0	0	1	7	0
	Johnny Damon	L	L	6-2	190	11/05/73	Overland Park, KS	Oakland	.256	155	644	108	165	34	4	9	49	12
7	Trot Nixon	L	L	6-2	200	04/11/74	Durham, NC	Boston	.280	148	535	100	150	31	4	27	88	7
24	Manny Ramirez	R	R	6-0	205	05/30/72	Santo Domingo, DR	Boston	.306	142	529	93	162	33	2	41	125	0

Toronto Blue Jays

Without Koch's Ks, Jays will depend on happy Halladay season to support booming outfield bats.

The Blue Jays narrowly missed a fourth consecutive winning season in 2001 with an 80-82 record that accurately reflected a mostly mediocre season under rookie manager Buck Martinez.

They didn't do anything particularly well except catch the ball; they didn't do anything grievously wrong except screw themselves into the ground with strikeouts.

The result was an \$86 million payroll that produced a single four-game win streak following their 16-9 April; scored 96 fewer runs and slammed 49 fewer home runs than the season before; spent every day after the All-Star break in third place; and underwent a serious trim over the winter.

So what next?

New General Manager J.P. Ricciardi came over from the Oakland A's and quickly dealt closer Billy Koch to his former employer for prospects Eric Hinske and Justin Miller. Native Canadian reliever Paul Quantrill was shipped to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a four-player deal. Right fielder Raul Mondesi was shopped harder than a Valentine's Day card on February 15. The goal was a \$73 million payroll and another expectant season centered on a young rotation still waiting to achieve its promise.

Halladay surprise?

Martinez anointed Roy Halladay his Opening Day starter last December. Halladay, 24, made 13 starts for the Jays last season after being sent to Class A Dunedin to learn a new delivery. His last impression was a strong one, as he struck out a career-high 11 on September 19 before throwing a two-hit shutout at the Cleveland Indians on October 5. If they see more of the pitcher who came within an out of throwing a no-hitter as a

21-year-old rookie, the Blue Jays may finally have discovered a core to their rotation.

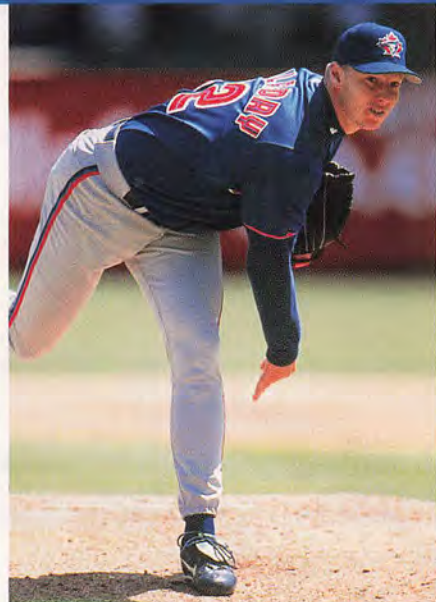
Chris Carpenter, 26, has won a combined 21 games the last two seasons, but improved dramatically (11-11, 4.09 ERA) in 2001, shedding more than 2.00 off his ERA. Australian Luke Prokopec, 24, was acquired from the Dodgers in the Quantrill trade for the third starting spot. Esteban Loaiza (11-11, 5.02), who was pounded for a .307 opponents' average, and 22-year-old Brandon Lyon (5-4, 4.29) should complete the rotation.

Steve Parris could vie for a berth in the rotation after being acquired from the Cincinnati Reds, while former 15-game winner Mike Sirotko continues to recover from labrum surgery. Sirotko, who would represent the Jays' only left-handed presence in the rotation, hasn't pitched since the Jays landed him from the Chicago White Sox in January of last year.

The Jays have gambled big on Kelvin Escobar. By trading Koch, who had saved 100 games in three seasons, they anoint Escobar as closer despite his uneven health history. Escobar saved 14 games for the Jays in 1997, but has only two since. He was moved to the rotation partly because of difficulty appearing on consecutive days. He has had repeated bouts of elbow problems and complained last year of numbness in his pitching hand.

Quantrill's absence means a heavy load will fall on Bob File, Pedro Borbon, Felix Heredia and Brian Bowles. Dan Plesac, always a trade possibility because of salary considerations, and Scott Eyre should complete the bullpen.

While waiting for their starting pitching to mature, the Blue Jays have depended on their offense to carry them the last several seasons. An inability to approach their franchise-record 244 home runs of the year before prevented the Blue

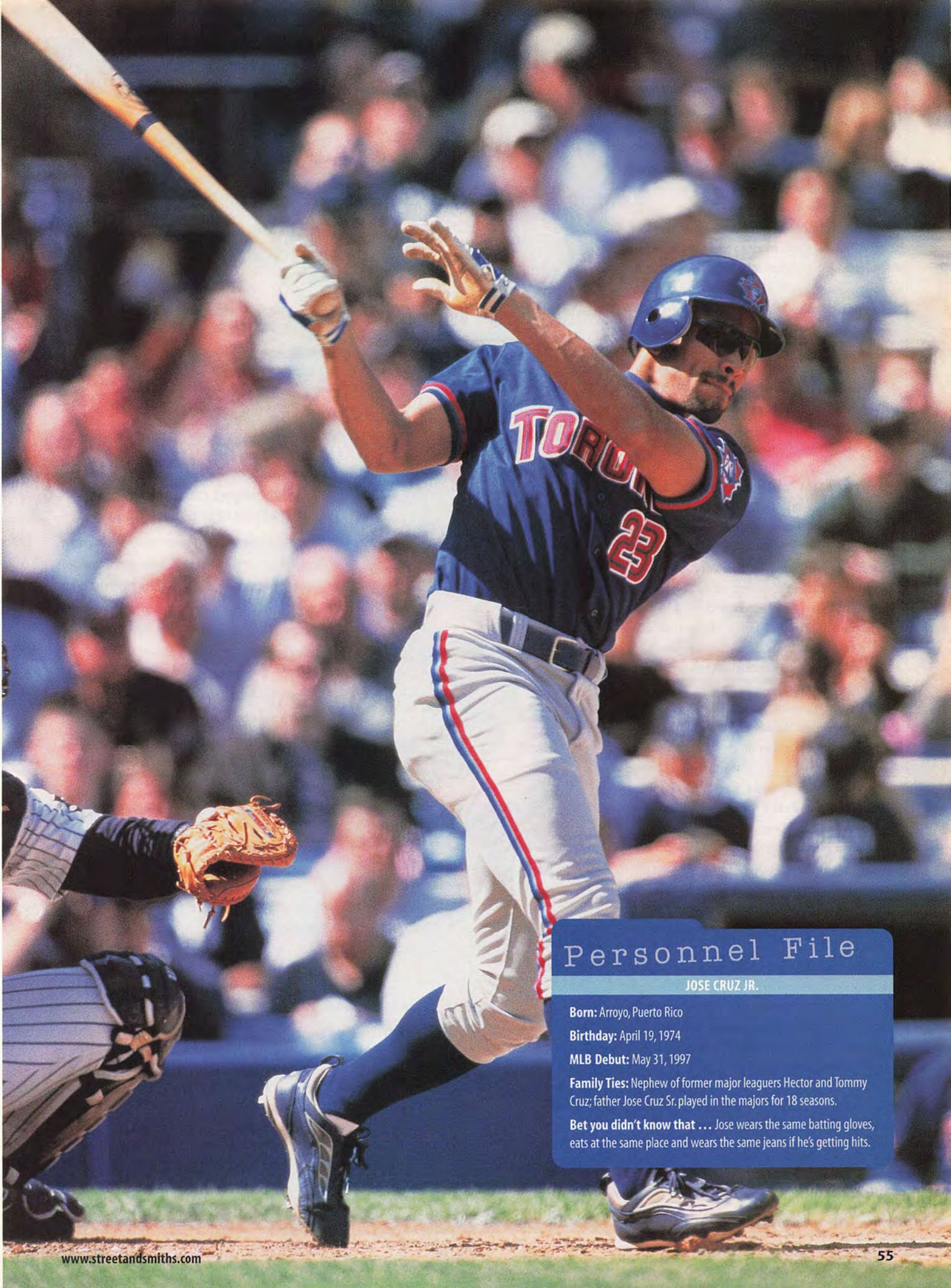


The Blue Jays are hoping right-hander Roy Halladay (top) can become the ace of their staff at age 24 and that first baseman/DH Carlos Delgado can put together his fifth consecutive 35-homer, 100-RBI season.

Jays from making a sustained push. In 2000, the Jays enjoyed four streaks of at least 12 straight games when they homered and, coincidentally, entered the All-Star break tied with the New York Yankees for the division lead. Last season they put together nothing more than a pair of 11-game home run streaks, and were 11 games back at the break.

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TOTAL BASES	2433	7	HOME RUNS	195	7	ERA	4.28	6
SLUGGING	.430	9	STOLEN BASES	156	3	SAVES	41	9
ON-BASE %	.325	10	LEFT ON BASE	1124	8	OPP. BA	.275	11



Personnel File

JOSE CRUZ JR.

Born: Arroyo, Puerto Rico

Birthday: April 19, 1974

MLB Debut: May 31, 1997

Family Ties: Nephew of former major leaguers Hector and Tommy Cruz; father Jose Cruz Sr. played in the majors for 18 seasons.

Bet you didn't know that ... Jose wears the same batting gloves, eats at the same place and wears the same jeans if he's getting hits.

Passing the Buck

The Blue Jays are not without intrigue. Manager Buck Martinez dismissed hitting coach Cito Gaston after the season. Martinez prefers more of a contact approach; Gaston has long been a proponent of power. But rather than leave the scene, Gaston was retained as a special advisor to owner Paul Godfrey.

Salary considerations governed the Blue Jays' offseason as they tried to deal right fielder Mondesi, whose salary and second-half slide are reasons for concern. Mondesi and first baseman Carlos Delgado are also owed \$28.2 million this season, almost 40 percent of the team's salary goal.

Delgado (.279, 39 HR, 102 RBI) remains the team's offensive leader after a fourth consecutive 35-homer, 100-RBI season. Delgado, Manny Ramirez and Jason Giambi were the only A.L. players to rank among the top six in both home runs and on-base percentage.

Jays' chatter loudest in outfield

The projected outfield of Shannon Stewart (.316, 12, 60), Jose Cruz Jr. (.274, 34, 88) and Mondesi (.252, 27, 84) offers plenty of speed, plenty of strikeouts and plenty of power. Mondesi, 30, is a defensively gifted grinder who managed two six-RBI games in the first half but hit only .207 with 11 home runs and 31 RBI after the All-Star break. Breakthrough possibility Vernon Wells offers enough depth to allow a trade for Mondesi.

Delgado represents the only experienced infield presence. Rookie Orlando Hudson will receive every chance to unseat Homer Bush at second base, while 21-year-old Felipe Lopez inherits shortstop from the traded Alex Gonzalez. Hinske, a raw fielder with an explosive bat, takes over at third base.

Darrin Fletcher returns from a down season (.226, 11, 56) that saw his on-base/slugging percentage tumble from .869 in 2000 to .627. He batted .162 against left-handed pitching, which could lead to a platoon this season with rookie Josh Phelps.

Designated hitter Brad Fullmer (.274, 18, 83) is another hitter trying to return to 2000 numbers. Fullmer is a notorious first-pitch hitter who produced a .367 average in such situations. He has yet to accept 40 walks in any of four full major league seasons.

These Blue Jays will offer a younger lineup than recent teams. At the same time, a pitching staff so often tormented by its potential shows signs of maturing. Within the shadow of a salary dump and the New York Yankees' run of dominance, the Jays' challenge will be to make anyone notice. ■

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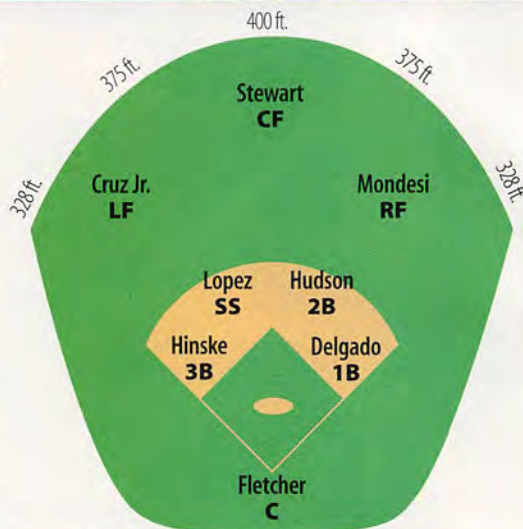
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Loaiza (RH)
Prokopec (RH)
Lyon (RH)

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IMPACT ROOKIE: JOSH PHELPS



Sluggingest catcher in minors ready to take place with Jays

Phelps easily ranks as the top power hitter among minor league catchers, hitting 31 home runs with a .526 slugging percentage in Double-A. More important to his production as a hitter was his improved strike-zone judgment (0.63 BB/K ratio) and .292 batting average. He possesses very little speed and will have to maintain his flexibility as he matures. He has above-average arm strength, but has a long release time (2.1 seconds) and has slow movements behind the plate, likely preventing him from catching a substantial amount of games in the majors. The Blue Jays would be best served by utilizing him in a C/1B/DH role, giving him 300-350 at bats.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Gabe Gross, OF
2. Eric Hinske, 3B
3. Tyrell Godwin, OF
4. Jayson Werth, C
5. Josh Phelps, C
6. Justin Miller, RHP
7. Orlando Hudson, 2B
8. Dustin McGowan, RHP
9. Pascual Coco, RHP
10. Brandon League, RHP

The Blue Jays' minor league system may look weak upon first glance, but many top prospects found their way to Toronto in 2001. They have added several live-armed pitchers and athletic outfielders to their organization in recent years. Gross is a prototype right fielder who has a strong arm and is capable of hitting for average and power. The pure-hitting Hinske has power to all fields and is a smart baserunner. He should be the starter at third base.

A former University of North Carolina football player, Godwin is a superior athlete who showed good hitting skills (.368) and excellent speed in center field last season in the

New York-Penn League. Werth and Phelps are trying to lay claim as the "catcher of the future" for Toronto. Werth is the better fielder and can hit for average, while Phelps has tremendous power but doesn't offer much on defense. Miller's breaking pitches (slider and splitter) have dynamic movement. If he improves the location of his fastball, he could be a factor for a rotation spot with the Blue Jays.

Hudson's breakout season (.306 with 19 stolen bases at Class AA and AAA) had everything to do with improved plate discipline. He will be the starter at second base. McGowan is all about power, with a 95-mph fastball and hard slider, but he's probably three years away. Coco had a tired arm in 2001, but has three good pitches with movement and could make the staff. League, a 2001 second-round pick, has outstanding arm strength and good complementary pitches.

Outfielder Reed Johnson can hit for average and run the bases, but looks the part of a fourth outfielder. Catcher Joe Lawrence will vie for a backup catcher role.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Chris Baker	R	R	6-1	185	08/24/77	Burbank, CA	Tennessee (AA)	15-6	3.37	28	26	4	1	179.0	162	42	121
51	Pedro Borbon	L	L	6-1	205	11/15/67	Mao, DR	Toronto	2-4	3.71	71	0	0	0	53.1	48	12	45
37	Brian Bowles	R	R	6-5	220	08/18/76	Harbor City, CA	Syracuse (AAA)	3-5	2.91	66	0	0	6	77.1	56	44	81
								Toronto	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	3.2	4	1	4
26	Chris Carpenter	R	R	6-6	225	04/27/75	Exeter, NH	Toronto	11-11	4.09	34	34	3	0	215.2	229	75	157
	Scott Cassidy	R	R	6-3	175	10/03/75	Syracuse, NY	Tennessee (AA)	6-6	3.44	16	15	4	0	96.2	78	27	81
								Syracuse (AAA)	3-3	2.71	11	11	0	0	63.0	60	26	48
	Gustavo Chacin	L	L	5-11	170	12/04/80	Maracaibo, VZ	Tennessee (AA)	11-8	3.98	25	23	1	0	140.1	138	39	86
38	Pasqual Coco	R	R	6-1	160	09/24/77	Santo Domingo, DR	Tennessee (AA)	0-1	3.94	3	3	0	0	16.0	13	5	13
								Syracuse (AAA)	8-6	4.66	22	22	0	0	121.2	128	50	82
								Toronto	1-0	4.40	7	1	0	0	14.1	12	6	9
45	Kelvim Escobar	R	R	6-1	210	04/11/76	La Guaira, Venezuela	Toronto	6-8	3.50	59	11	1	0	126.0	93	52	121
29	Scott Eyre	L	L	6-1	200	05/30/72	Inglewood, CA	Syracuse (AAA)	4-6	3.18	62	2	0	0	79.1	67	26	96
								Toronto	1-2	3.45	17	0	0	2	15.2	15	7	16
36	Bob File	R	R	6-4	215	01/28/77	Philadelphia, PA	Tennessee (AA)	0-0	3.00	3	0	0	1	3.0	3	0	2
								Syracuse (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	4.0	1	0	3
								Toronto	5-3	3.27	60	0	0	0	74.1	57	29	38
32	Roy Halladay	R	R	6-6	225	05/14/77	Denver, CO	Dunedin (A)	0-1	3.97	13	0	0	2	22.2	28	3	15
								Tennessee (AA)	2-1	2.12	5	5	3	0	34.0	25	6	29
								Syracuse (AAA)	1-0	3.21	2	2	0	0	14.0	12	0	13
								Toronto	5-3	3.16	17	16	1	0	105.1	97	25	96
94	Felix Heredia	L	L	6-0	185	06/18/76	Barahona, DR	Chicago (NL)	2-2	6.17	48	0	0	0	35.0	45	16	28
21	Esteban Loaiza	R	R	6-3	210	12/31/71	Tijuana, Mexico	Toronto	11-11	5.02	36	30	1	0	190.0	239	40	110
28	Brandon Lyon	R	R	6-1	170	08/10/79	Salt Lake City, UT	Tennessee (AA)	5-0	3.68	9	9	0	0	58.2	57	9	45
								Syracuse (AAA)	5-3	3.69	11	11	2	0	68.1	68	10	53
								Toronto	5-4	4.29	11	11	0	0	63.0	63	15	35
	Justin Miller	R	R	6-2	195	08/27/77	Torrance, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	7-10	4.75	29	28	1	0	165.0	174	64	134
	Joe Orloski	R	R	6-3	175	05/17/79	Las Vegas, NV	Dunedin (A)	4-2	2.84	46	0	0	10	66.2	55	29	52
39	Steve Parris	R	R	6-0	195	12/17/67	Joliet, IL	Tennessee (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	2	1	2
								Syracuse (AAA)	0-0	4.70	2	2	0	0	7.2	6	2	8
								Toronto	4-6	4.60	19	19	1	0	105.2	126	41	49
	George Perez	R	R	6-4	207	03/20/79	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Dunedin (A)	4-3	3.12	41	0	0	8	86.2	81	42	48
19	Dan Plesac	L	L	6-5	217	02/04/62	Gary, IN	Toronto	4-5	3.57	62	0	0	1	45.1	34	24	68
57	Luke Prokopec	L	R	5-11	166	02/23/78	Blackwood, Australia	Las Vegas (AAA)	1-0	3.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	3	2	8
								Los Angeles	8-7	4.88	29	22	0	0	138.1	146	40	91
	Chad Ricketts	R	R	6-5	225	02/12/75	Waterloo, ON, Canada	Las Vegas (AAA)	1-3	2.91	48	0	0	3	58.2	49	25	70
33	Mike Sirotko	L	L	6-1	200	05/13/71	Chicago, IL	Did Not Play										
	Corey Thurman	R	R	6-1	215	11/05/78	Augusta, GA	Omaha (AAA)	0-0	5.40	1	1	0	0	5.0	6	2	4
								Wichita (AA)	13-5	3.37	25	25	0	0	155.0	117	65	148
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
9	Darrin Fletcher	L	R	6-2	205	10/03/66	Elmhurst, IL	Toronto	.226	134	416	36	94	20	0	11	56	0
6	Joe Lawrence	R	R	6-2	200	02/13/77	Lake Charles, LA	Syracuse (AAA)	.220	93	318	27	70	11	4	1	26	6
17	Josh Phelps	R	R	6-3	215	05/12/78	Anchorage, AK	Tennessee (AA)	.292	136	486	95	142	36	1	31	97	3
								Toronto	.000	8	12	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Jayson Werth	R	R	6-5	190	05/20/79	Springfield, IL	Dunedin (A)	.200	21	70	9	14	3	0	2	14	1
								Tennessee (AA)	.285	104	369	51	105	23	1	18	69	12
#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
18	Homer Bush	R	R	5-10	180	11/12/72	East St Louis, IL	Dunedin (A)	.353	4	17	4	6	0	0	0	2	1
								Syracuse (AAA)	.250	9	32	11	8	2	0	0	3	0
								Toronto	.306	78	271	32	83	11	1	3	27	13
25	Carlos Delgado	L	R	6-3	225	06/25/72	Aguadilla, Puerto Rico	Toronto	.279	162	574	102	160	31	1	39	102	3
61	Eric Hinske	L	R	6-2	225	08/05/77	Menasha, WI	Sacramento (AAA)	.282	121	436	71	123	27	1	25	79	20
	Orlando Hudson	S	R	6-0	175	12/12/79	Darlington, SC	Tennessee (AA)	.307	84	306	51	94	22	8	4	52	8
								Syracuse (AAA)	.304	55	194	31	59	14	3	4	27	11
7	Felipe Lopez	S	R	6-1	175	05/12/80	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Tennessee (AA)	.222	19	72	12	16	2	1	2	4	4
								Syracuse (AAA)	.279	89	358	65	100	19	7	16	44	13
								Toronto	.260	49	177	21	46	5	4	5	23	4
5	Chris Woodward	R	R	6-0	173	06/27/76	Covina, CA	Syracuse (AAA)	.306	51	193	29	59	14	3	11	31	0
								Toronto	.190	37	63	9	12	3	2	2	5	0
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
23	Jose Cruz Jr.	S	R	6-0	200	04/19/74	Arroyo, Puerto Rico	Toronto	.274	146	577	92	158	38	4	34	88	32
20	Brad Fullmer	L	R	6-0	215	01/17/75	Chatsworth, CA	Toronto	.274	146	522	71	143	31	2	18	83	5
	Reed Johnson	R	R	5-10	185	12/08/76	Riverside, CA	Tennessee (AA)	.314	136	554	104	174	29	4	13	74	42
27	Chris Latham	S	R	6-0	205	05/26/73	Coeur D'Alene, ID	Syracuse (AAA)	.278	79	288	57	80	20	9	13	54	14
								Toronto	.274	43	73	12	20	3	1	2	10	4
43	Raul Mondesi	R	R	5-11	215	03/12/71	San Cristobal, DR	Toronto	.252	149	572	88	144	26	4	27	84	30
24	Shannon Stewart	R	R	6-1	205	02/25/74	Cincinnati, OH	Toronto	.316	155	640	103	202	44	7	12	60	27
10	Vernon Wells	R	R	6-1	210	12/08/78	Shreveport, LA	Syracuse (AAA)	.281	107	413	57	116	27	4	12	52	15
								Toronto	.313	30	96	14	30	8	0	1	6	5

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

Devil Rays place their hopes in arms of developing young pitching staff.

While their expansion sibling Arizona Diamondbacks celebrated a world championship in their fourth season, the Devil Rays again languished at the bottom of the American League East. Indeed, the

After impressing everyone with a .298 average in a 49-game stint with the Rays late last summer, young catcher Toby Hall is expected to be one of the big producers for the Tampa Bay offense.



Devil Rays are the only team to finish last in their division the past four seasons and have become the league's least-watched franchise in a market that embraces shuffleboard and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers—but not indoor baseball.

The Devil Rays, however, can look to 2001 for something other than embarrassment.

No longer attempting to make excuses for their lethargic fan base, management has devised a plan rather than a magic act. General Manager Chuck LaMar abandoned what didn't work during last season's first half and committed to a younger, more exciting and even more competent mix after the All-Star break. As a result, the Devil Rays finished with a 35-39 push that included a winning record (24-23) over their last 47 games. They outplayed fourth-place Baltimore by 12 1/2 games after June 30, saw a consistent upgrade in pitching under manager Hal McRae and eventually steadied a defense that allowed 68 unearned runs during a 23-54 start.

Six pack on mound

McRae is optimistic because of a youthful pitching staff that may include a six-man rotation by midseason. The Devil Rays produced only one complete game last season, but hope to find more consistency from a group including 11-game winner Tanyon Sturtze, Paul Wilson and left-handers Joe Kennedy and Nick Bierbrodt.

Sturtze's eight second-half wins tied Mike Mussina and Roger Clemens for the most in the A.L. East, and he was 5-3 with a 2.60 ERA against the four A.L. playoff teams.

Wilson bobbled between the rotation and bullpen but finished with a 6-2 mark and 2.55 ERA as a starter after returning to that role in August. Kennedy, 22, won his last four decisions and posted dominant numbers against left-handed hitters and with runners in scoring position.



Although Greg Vaughn led the Devil Rays in home runs for the second straight year (with 24), it was his lowest total since 1997, when he hit 18 for the Padres.

Beirbrodt, 23, showed himself vulnerable to home runs after being acquired from the Diamondbacks in late July. He is projected as the Rays' No. 4 starter. Ryan Rupe (5-12, 6.59 ERA) and Jesus Colome (2-3, 3.33) likely will compete for the fifth starter role. The return of veteran Wilson Alvarez would help immensely, but Alvarez hasn't pitched in the majors since October 1999 because of a rotator cuff tear.

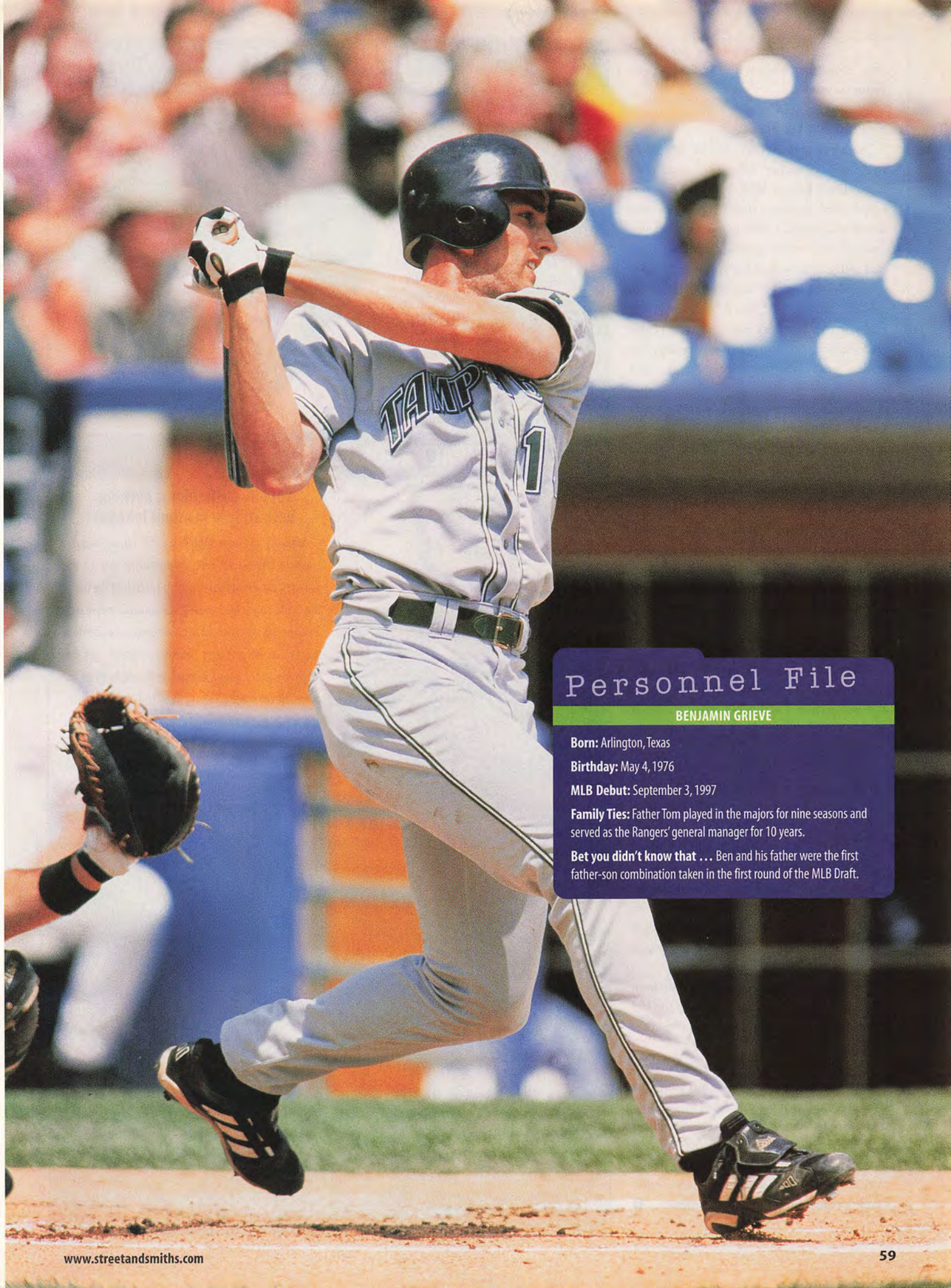
The Devil Rays absorbed a 5.63 ERA before the All-Star break but improved to 4.12 afterward, trailing only Seattle, Oakland and Toronto in second-half ERA.

Esteban Yan returns for his second season as closer after tying for the major league lead with nine blown saves. Victor Zambrano and Doug Creek will work as setup men, while a pair of Rule 5 draftees, Kevin McGlinchy and Steve Kent, will serve in long relief. Left-hander Bobby Seay, 23, may receive a longer look than last season's 12 appearances.

The Devil Rays' rise last year coincided with their roster getting younger. Averaging 26.4 years

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.258	13	RUNS	672	14	FIELDING	.977	14
TOTAL BASES	2142	13	HOME RUNS	121	14	ERA	4.94	12
SLUGGING	.388	13	STOLEN BASES	115	9	SAVES	30	13
ON-BASE %	.320	12	LEFT ON BASE	1104	5	OPP. BA	.273	10



Personnel File

BENJAMIN GRIEVE

Born: Arlington, Texas

Birthday: May 4, 1976

MLB Debut: September 3, 1997

Family Ties: Father Tom played in the majors for nine seasons and served as the Rangers' general manager for 10 years.

Bet you didn't know that ... Ben and his father were the first father-son combination taken in the first round of the MLB Draft.

after September, they were the big leagues' youngest team.

High hopes for Hall

Youth will remain more obvious in April as well, led by catcher Toby Hall, last year's International League MVP. Hall, 26, is a converted third baseman who is still perfecting defensive mechanics, but he possesses a developing power bat that gave him nearly as many RBI (30) in 188 at-bats last season as all other Devil Rays catchers (38) in 400 at-bats.

Steve Cox (.257, 12 HR, 51 RBI) took over first base after last July's trade of Fred McGriff, while second baseman **Brent Abernathy**, 24, trailed only Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki and Anaheim's David Eckstein in batting among A.L. rookies. Thirty-year-old shortstop **Chris Gomez** was re-signed as an infield elder. He may receive more than 400 plate appearances for the first time since 1998.

Third base remains unsettled with **Jared Sandberg**, nephew of future Hall-of-Fame second baseman Ryne Sandberg; **Aubrey Huff**, who fumbled a chance last year with 20 errors in 88 starts in the field; and **Russ Johnson**, whose lack of home run power makes him more suited for second base.

Rays' bats need more sting

Of last season's major league-low 121 home runs, 35 came from outfielders **Greg Vaughn** and **Ben Grieve**. Coming off a bizarre All-Star season, Vaughn (.233, 24, 82) remains key to McRae's outfield rotation. He made only 10 starts in left field after July 31 because of a pulled hamstring. The injury limited him to a .200 average after June 15, and he homered just once after July 24. Should Vaughn be confined to duty as designated hitter, **Randy Winn** will receive time in left field.

Center fielder **Jason Tyner**, still searching for his first home run after 1,731 professional at-bats, stole 26 bases after last season's All-Star break but must improve a .311 on-base percentage as leadoff hitter.

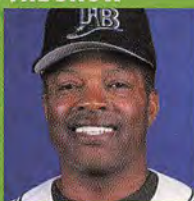
Grieve saw his slugging percentage drop from .487 to .387 last season while striking out 159 times, a poor mix for a player who hit third or fourth in 70 starts.

Without McGriff, the Devil Rays must discover a consistent run producer to help them score more than last season's league-low 672 runs, a decrease of 61 runs from when they ranked last in 2000. More likely is the scenario in which the Devil Rays rely on an improved pitching staff to carry them out of their uncomfortable but familiar surroundings in the division basement. ■

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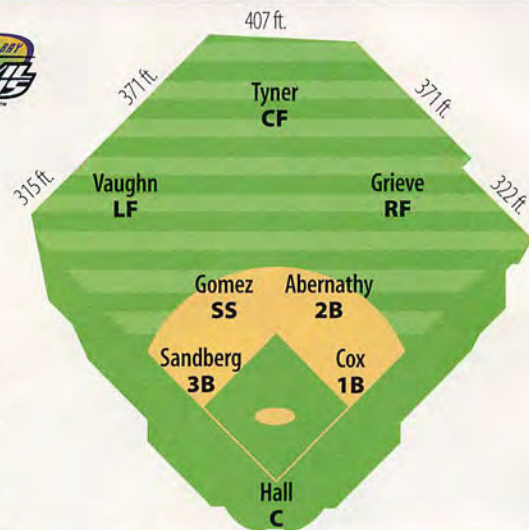


ROTATION

Sturtze (RH)
Kennedy (LH)
Wilson (RH)
Bierbrodt (LH)
Alvarez (RH)

BULLPEN

Yan (RH)
Zambrano (RH)
Creek (LH)
Colome (RH)
Seay (LH)
Rupe (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: CARL CRAWFORD



Speedy outfielder is perhaps best athlete in minor leagues

Arguably the best athlete in the minor leagues, Crawford has played well, despite being one of the youngest players in the league. His speed is at the top of the charts, and as his 6-foot-2, 205-pound physique suggests, he has the potential to hit for power. His offense is still raw, as he isn't very patient and doesn't get full extension on his swing, hampering his ability to hit for power. He can chase down any fly ball hit in any direction, and makes up for an average throwing arm by getting to the ball and releasing it quickly. Tampa Bay has pushed him at every opportunity, but he really needs to be given time to develop to his fullest potential.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Josh Hamilton, OF
2. Carl Crawford, OF
3. Dewon Brazelton, RHP
4. Jesus Colome, RHP
5. Jason Standridge, RHP
6. Rocco Baldelli, OF
7. Seth McClung, RHP
8. Jorge Cantu, SS
9. Jim Magrane, RHP
10. Ramon Soler, 2B

Tampa Bay used a record number of first-year players in 2001, virtually depleting the upper levels of its system, but the Devil Rays have a new crop on the horizon. Hamilton, potentially the top offensive player in the minors, has impressive power potential but missed most of the season with hamstring and back problems. Crawford, an incredible athlete, has superior speed and unlimited potential but needs to tighten his strike zone and open up his swing. Brazelton was the Devil Rays' first-round pick in 2001 and has an outstanding change-up to complement a live fastball. He won't last long in the minors.

Colome has the plus fastball and aggressiveness to be a closer, but must improve his slider to take the next step. Standridge has some mechanical flaws to work out before he enters the rotation, but has exceptional movement to his pitches. Baldelli is a power/speed prospect who could really blossom when his body fills out and he gets more experience. McClung is a low-level pitcher who has an excellent upside. He throws hard (95 mph) with excellent command, but need to work more efficiently and change speeds better.

Cantu is Tampa Bay's shortstop of the future and is an excellent athlete, but needs to get stronger and utilize his speed better. Magrane has four solid pitches that he mixes well and can throw for strikes. Soler has incredible speed with improving strike-zone judgment, but doesn't hit the ball with authority.

Shortstop Jason Smith, 2B/OF Ryan Freel and C/3B/OF Paul Hoover don't provide enough offense to be starters, but all could make the club in reserve roles.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
40	Wilson Alvarez	L	L	6-1	245	03/24/70	Maracaibo, Venezuela	Orlando (AA)	1-3	4.43	5	5	0	0	20.1	24	6	18
								Durham (AAA)	1-1	3.00	4	4	0	0	18.0	20	6	16
32	Nick Bierbrodt	L	L	6-5	185	05/16/78	Tarzana, CA	El Paso (AA)	2-1	1.37	4	4	0	0	19.2	13	6	18
								Tucson (AAA)	4-1	2.18	7	6	0	0	45.1	48	9	56
								Arizona	2-2	8.22	5	5	0	0	23.0	29	12	17
								Tampa Bay	3-4	4.55	11	11	0	0	61.1	71	27	56
45	Dewon Brazelton	R	R	6-4	205	06/16/80	Tullahoma, TN	Did Not Play										
46	Jesus Colome	R	R	6-2	170	06/02/80	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Durham (AAA)	0-3	6.23	13	0	0	0	17.1	22	6	18
								Tampa Bay	2-3	3.33	30	0	0	0	48.2	37	25	31
38	Doug Creek	L	L	6-0	200	03/01/69	Winchester, VA	Tampa Bay	2-5	4.31	66	0	0	0	62.2	51	49	66
	Delvin James	R	R	6-4	222	01/03/78	Nacogdoches, TX	Orlando (AA)	2-0	1.65	7	7	0	0	43.2	25	9	31
								Durham (AAA)	3-7	4.80	31	9	1	0	84.1	99	27	51
50	Joe Kennedy	R	L	6-4	225	05/24/79	La Mesa, CA	Orlando (AA)	4-0	0.19	7	7	0	0	47.0	29	3	52
								Durham (AAA)	2-0	2.42	4	4	0	0	26.0	22	9	23
								Tampa Bay	7-8	4.44	20	20	0	0	117.2	122	34	78
	Steve Kent	S	L	5-11	168	10/03/78	Frankfurt, Germany	San Berdnno (A)	0-3	2.20	51	0	0	1	65.1	50	34	73
30	Kevin McGlinchy	R	R	6-5	220	06/28/77	Malden, MA	GC-Braves (R)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	2.0	1	0	2
61	Travis Phelps	R	R	6-2	170	07/25/77	Rocky Comfort, MO	Durham (AAA)	2-0	0.00	9	0	0	0	15.2	11	1	12
								Tampa Bay	2-2	3.48	49	0	0	5	62.0	53	24	54
24	Ryan Rupe	R	R	6-5	230	03/31/75	Houston, TX	Durham (AAA)	0-1	0.82	2	2	0	0	11.0	3	1	17
								Tampa Bay	5-12	6.59	28	26	0	0	143.1	161	48	123
27	Bobby Seay	L	L	6-2	221	06/20/78	Sarasota, FL	Orlando (AA)	2-5	5.98	15	13	0	0	64.2	81	26	49
								Tampa Bay	1-1	6.23	12	0	0	0	13.0	13	5	12
53	Jason Standridge	R	R	6-4	205	11/09/78	Birmingham, AL	Durham (AAA)	5-10	5.28	20	20	0	0	102.1	130	50	48
								Orlando (AA)	0-2	5.59	2	2	0	0	9.2	12	4	7
								Tampa Bay	0-0	4.66	9	1	0	0	19.1	19	14	9
49	Tanyon Sturtze	R	R	6-5	205	10/12/70	Worcester, MA	Tampa Bay	11-12	4.42	39	27	0	1	195.1	200	79	110
	Enger Veras	R	R	6-5	218	07/09/81	Santo Domingo, DR	Bakersfield (A)	9-8	4.53	27	27	0	0	153.0	163	55	138
48	Matt White	R	R	6-5	230	08/13/78	Waynesboro, PA	Durham (AAA)	0-5	7.80	7	7	0	0	30.0	33	25	16
41	Paul Wilson	R	R	6-5	235	03/28/73	Orlando, FL	Tampa Bay	8-9	4.88	37	24	0	0	151.1	165	52	119
43	Esteban Yan	R	R	6-4	230	06/22/74	Campina del Seibo, DR	Orlando (AA)	0-0	3.00	2	2	0	0	3.0	3	0	4
								Tampa Bay	4-6	3.90	54	0	0	22	62.1	64	11	64
60	Victor Zambrano	R	R	6-0	190	08/06/75	Los Teques, Venezuela	Durham (AAA)	1-2	2.08	29	0	0	12	30.1	26	12	29
								Tampa Bay	6-2	3.16	36	0	0	2	51.1	38	18	58
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
6	John Flaherty	R	R	6-1	200	10/21/67	New York, NY	Tampa Bay	.238	78	248	20	59	17	1	4	29	1
44	Toby Hall	R	R	6-3	205	10/21/75	Tacoma, WA	Durham (AAA)	.335	94	373	59	125	28	1	19	72	1
								Tampa Bay	.298	49	188	28	56	16	0	4	30	2
#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
3	Brent Abernathy	R	R	6-1	185	09/23/77	Atlanta, GA	Durham (AAA)	.302	61	252	45	76	20	0	4	23	11
								Tampa Bay	.270	79	304	43	82	17	1	5	33	8
66	Jace Brewer	R	R	6-0	175	06/06/79	Washington, OK	Charleston, SC (A)	.217	108	414	50	90	12	4	3	35	6
	Wilmy Caceres	S	R	6-0	165	10/02/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Salt Lake (AAA)	.249	87	325	38	81	5	4	0	21	12
28	Steve Cox	L	L	6-4	222	10/31/74	Delano, CA	Orlando (AA)	.214	4	14	2	3	1	0	1	3	0
								Tampa Bay	.257	108	342	37	88	22	0	12	51	2
9	Chris Gomez	R	R	6-1	195	06/16/71	Los Angeles, CA	Portland (AAA)	.300	11	40	5	12	3	0	1	5	1
								San Diego	.188	40	112	6	21	3	0	0	7	1
								Durham (AAA)	.301	23	93	16	28	5	1	4	17	1
								Tampa Bay	.302	58	189	31	57	16	0	8	36	3
19	Aubrey Huff	L	R	6-4	221	12/20/76	Marion, OH	Durham (AAA)	.288	17	66	14	19	6	0	3	10	0
								Tampa Bay	.248	111	411	42	102	25	1	8	45	1
25	Russ Johnson	R	R	5-10	180	02/22/73	Baton Rouge, LA	Orlando (AA)	.667	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
								Tampa Bay	.294	85	248	32	73	19	2	4	33	2
16	Felix Martinez	S	R	6-0	180	05/18/74	Nagua, DR	Orlando (AA)	.100	3	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
								Tampa Bay	.247	77	219	24	54	13	1	1	14	6
33	Damian Rolls	R	R	6-2	205	09/15/77	Manhattan, KS	Tampa Bay	.262	81	237	33	62	11	1	2	12	12
10	Jared Sandberg	R	R	6-3	185	03/02/78	Olympia, WA	Orlando (AA)	.286	8	28	4	8	2	0	1	4	0
								Durham (AAA)	.239	93	322	39	77	16	0	16	50	0
								Tampa Bay	.206	39	136	13	28	7	0	1	15	1
20	Bobby Smith	R	R	6-3	190	05/10/74	Oakland, CA	Durham (AAA)	.301	107	396	67	119	25	2	22	70	10
								Tampa Bay	.105	6	19	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
56	Jason Smith	L	R	6-3	195	07/24/77	Meridian, MS	Iowa (AAA)	.233	70	240	31	56	8	6	4	15	6
								Chicago (NL)	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Durham (AAA)	.194	8	31	2	6	1	0	0	3	0
	Ramon Soler	S	R	6-0	147	07/06/81	Las Caobas, DR	Bakersfield (A)	.263	103	418	72	110	14	4	2	27	25
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Brandon Backe	R	R	6-0	190	04/05/78	Galveston, TX	Did Not Play										
6	Jason Conti	L	R	5-11	180	01/27/75	Pittsburgh, PA	Tucson (AAA)	.331	92	362	68	120	23	6	9	52	2
								Arizona	.250	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Durham (AAA)	.306	38	157	24	48	12	0	5	18	3
18	Ben Grieve	L	R	6-4	230	05/04/76	Arlington, TX	Tampa Bay	.264	154	542	72	143	30	2	11	72	7
14	Jason Tyner	L	L	6-1	170	04/23/77	Beaumont, TX	Durham (AAA)	.312	39	157	25	49	2	1	0	12	11
								Tampa Bay	.280	105	396	51	111	8	5	0	21	31
23	Greg Vaughn	R	R	6-0	202	07/03/65	Sacramento, CA	Tampa Bay	.233	136	485	74	113	25	0	24	82	11
2	Randy Winn	S	R	6-2	193	06/09/74	Los Angeles, CA	Tampa Bay	.273	128	429	54	117	25	6	6	50	12

A L E A S T

Orioles' prognosis no mystery: Winning will be a novel concept.

Orioles minority owner Tom Clancy is author of "The Sum of All Fears," a work having nothing to do with baseball but a title perfectly describing the team's 2001 season. Or could it be 2002?

Crushed by injuries, woeful organizational depth and overly optimistic projections about players obtained in a rash of trades in the summer of 2000, the Orioles (63-98) staggered to their fourth consecutive fourth-place finish in 2001 and fourth straight losing season—a first for the 48-year-old franchise. They were the only team in the major leagues not to sweep a three-game series and, if not for third baseman Cal Ripken's four-month farewell tour, would have failed to reach three million in attendance for the first time since the opening of Camden Yards in 1992.

Ripken's departure leaves the club without a marquee presence. Instead, the Orioles concentrated on lowering payroll and affording opportunity to a number of promising young arms.

What's left is a team that believes it can only improve over a season in which **Jason Johnson** led the staff with 10 wins and **Buddy Groom** led the relievers with 11 saves.

A formidable trio if healthy, starting pitchers **Scott Erickson** (out all of last season following ligament replacement surgery), **Pat Hentgen** (out after May 16 because of a ligament tear) and **Sidney Ponson** (bothered for most of the season with elbow stiffness) combined for seven wins and just 200 1/3 innings.

Yet pitching was the team's bright spot. The Orioles scored 687 runs, 107 fewer than in 2000, while finishing as the only team in either league with a combined on-base/slugging percentage below .700. Rookie outfielder **Jay Gibbons** tied for the club lead with 15 home runs despite appearing in just 73 games, none after August 4. Injuries to first baseman **David Segui**, shortstop **Mike Bordick** and outfielder **Chris Richard**, and

season-long slumps suffered by catcher **Brook Fordyce** and since-released outfielder **Brady Anderson** prevented the Orioles from extending an encouraging 40-44 start.

The Orioles must make do with less—less salary, less experience and less margin for error.

Birds' seed planted on mound

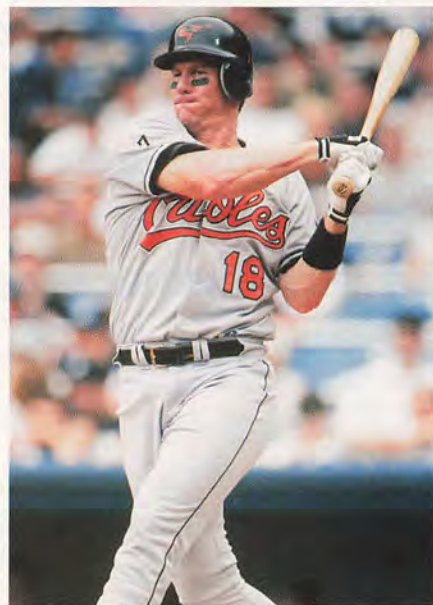
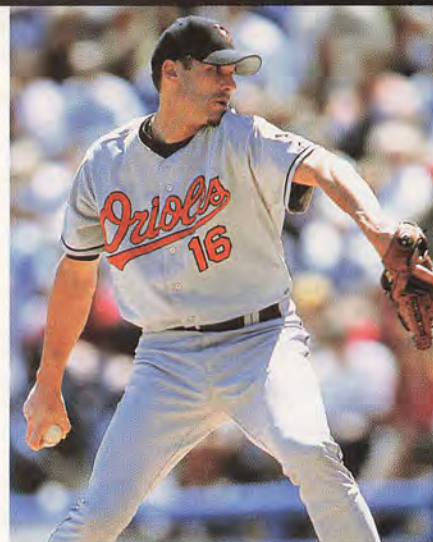
Vice President of Baseball Operations **Syd Thrift**'s rebuilding plan centers around young pitching. **Erickson**'s return should provide the anchor and at least 200 innings. **Ponson**, 25, was shopped after last season's 5-10 struggle, but can carry a heavy load when fit. **Johnson**, 28, recovered from a nightmarish 2000 (1-10) to go 10-12 despite uneven support that left him winless after August 6.

Josh Towers, 25, ranked third among A.L. rookies with eight wins and was named A.L. Rookie of the Month after winning five games in June. Towers walked only 16 in 140 1/3 innings—a better ratio than league leader **Brad Radke**—but had trouble adjusting from a first-pitch-fastball pattern that saw him surrender 16 home runs in his last 82 1/3 innings.

The Orioles hoped to acquire a front-line starter in the offseason. Because they didn't, 27-year-old **Calvin Maduro** (5-6, 4.23 ERA) will get a shot as fifth starter. He will be challenged by rookies **Sean Douglass** (22) and **Rick Bauer** (25) barring a spring trade.

Bumbling bullpen

A bullpen that converted only 31 of 50 save opportunities and lost 13 consecutive decisions last season is largely unchanged. **Willis Roberts**, 26, will receive another shot at closing, with the left-hander **Groom** and **Chris Brock** likely working as bridge men. The rest of the pen likely will be comprised of enigmatic left-hander **B.J. Ryan**, either **John Parrish** (24) or **John Bale** (27),



Jason Johnson (top) made 2001 his turnaround year, going from one win in 2000 to 10 wins, and posting a 4.09 ERA that was two runs lower than his career figure going into the season. Meanwhile, veteran cleanup hitter Jeff Conine continued his great work with the Orioles in his third season in Baltimore, leading the club with a .311 average, 97 RBI and 75 runs scored.

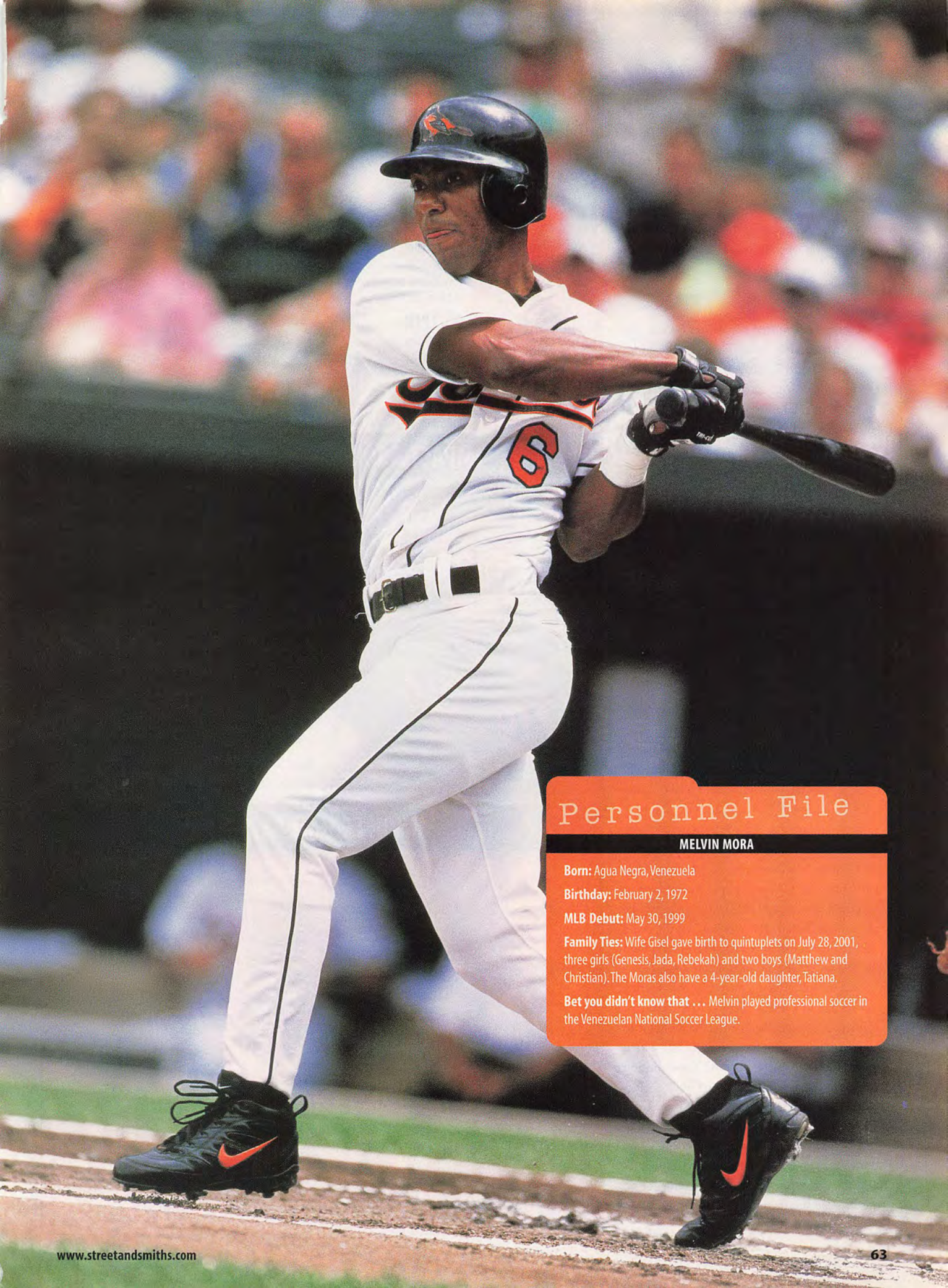
and right-handers **Jorge Julio** (22) and **Kris Foster** (27).

The Orioles would prefer not to have to rely on seven rookie pitchers for wins as they did last season. They would, however, love to see **Luis Rivera**, **Jay Spurgeon** and **Matt Riley** recover from serious shoulder injuries.

Perhaps most disturbing to the Oriole faithful is the lack of competition among position players. The signing of free-agent left fielder

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.248	14	RUNS	687	13	FIELDING	.979	12
TOTAL BASES	2077	14	HOME RUNS	136	13	ERA	4.67	10
SLUGGING	.380	14	STOLEN BASES	133	5	SAVES	31	12
ON-BASE %	.319	13	LEFT ON BASE	1106	6	OPP. BA	.269	8



Personnel File

MELVIN MORA

Born: Agua Negra, Venezuela

Birthday: February 2, 1972

MLB Debut: May 30, 1999

Family Ties: Wife Gisel gave birth to quintuplets on July 28, 2001, three girls (Genesis, Jada, Rebekah) and two boys (Matthew and Christian). The Moras also have a 4-year-old daughter, Tatiana.

Bet you didn't know that ... Melvin played professional soccer in the Venezuelan National Soccer League.

Marty Cordova to a three-year, \$9.1 million contract represents the only substantive addition to a lineup that batted just .241 against right-handed pitching, was shut out a major league-high 14 times, and scored only 24 runs in one 15-game, late-season stretch.

Segui's return to first base after November knee surgery offers hope. The Orioles were 38-44 when Segui (.301, 46 RBI in 292 at-bats) played, 25-54 when he was missing with one of several injuries.

Happy Hairston

Second baseman Jerry Hairston became the first organizational product since Ripken to receive at least 550 plate appearances for the Orioles last season. However, he raised more questions than he answered with a .190 second-half average and the lowest road mark (.184) in the A.L. Defensively inconsistent Brian Roberts, a switch-hitter, could eventually challenge Hairston for the role.

Bordick's loss to a shoulder injury coincided with the team's spiral last year. Age (36) has sapped some of his range but Bordick remains a cohesive force on defense and in the top third of the lineup.

Following unsuccessful attempts to trade for the Philadelphia Phillies' Scott Rolen, the Orioles turn over third base to Tony Batista, a waiver acquisition from the Toronto Blue Jays who is owed \$10.4 million the next two seasons. Ripken's retirement ends last season's uncomfortable time-share that caused Batista (.238, 25 HR, 87 RBI) to serve primarily as designated hitter or shortstop after being claimed June 25.

Cordova is the only set outfield presence after defecting from the Cleveland Indians. Releasing Anderson means that either veteran utility player Melvin Mora, still-developing Luis Matos or Tim Lincecum Jr. will take over center field, while Jeff Conine or Gibbons should receive time in right field. Conine (.311, 14, 97), whose average never dipped below .300 after last May 20, could also see time at first after Richard returns around the All-Star break from rotator cuff surgery.

Fordyce will attempt to reclaim his starting role after a lost season. Signed to a three-year contract after being anointed as the successor to Charles Johnson, Fordyce (.209, 5, 19) started only 34 of the Orioles' final 82 games behind Fernando Lizaro and Geronimo Gil.

Manager Mike Hargrove would love to avert using 139 lineups as he did last season, a goal that could be achieved with a healthier clubhouse. But with many of the same parts returning, it's difficult to add up more than 75 wins for an organization that seemingly has lost its way. ■

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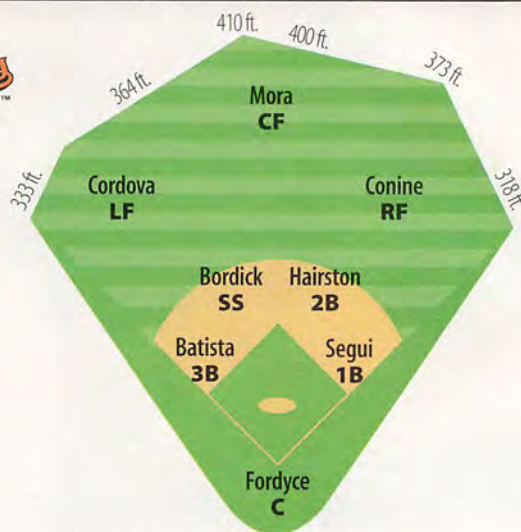


ROTATION

Erickson (RH)
Ponson (RH)
Johnson (RH)
Towers (RH)
Maduro (RH)

BULLPEN

Roberts (RH)
Groom (LH)
Ryan (LH)
Foster (RH)
Brock (RH)
Julio (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: SEAN DOUGLASS



Control pitcher is best of Orioles' barren lot in minors

The Orioles have gotten little impact from their home-grown pitchers over the past few years, and are looking to Douglass to change that. He spent the entire minor league season at the Triple-A level at age 22, posting solid numbers and showing composure. He isn't an overpowering pitcher, despite his 6-6 height, but gets excellent movement from a sinking fastball, slurve and change-up. He can command all three pitches and shows enough stamina to go deep into games. He is expected to gain some velocity as he matures, and already comes equipped with a fluid delivery. He held his own in four late-season starts in Baltimore, and hopes to open the season in the rotation.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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| 1. Rich Stahl, LHP | 6. Beau Hale, RHP |
| 2. Erik Bedard, LHP | 7. Sean Douglass, RHP |
| 3. Ed Rogers, SS | 8. Jorge Julio, RHP |
| 4. Keith Reed, OF | 9. Chris Smith, LHP |
| 5. Matt Riley, LHP | 10. Brian Bass, SS |

Baltimore's farm system has deteriorated in recent seasons, but while it has produced a few major league players, there aren't many high-ceiling prospects. Stahl has projectable size and a plus fastball, with the potential to be a No. 2 starter, but is likely three years away. Bedard possesses excellent command of three quality pitches, but needs to improve his stamina and arm strength. Rogers struggled with the bat in Double-A, but is a topnotch fielder with speed who is still young for his level of play.

Reed is a power/speed prospect with superior tools, but has yet to turn them into baseball skills. The enigmatic Riley

was one of the top left-handed starters in the minors before having elbow surgery. He is almost 100 percent and could be ready by midseason. Hale's velocity has declined since turning pro and has been surprisingly hittable, but he will certainly rebound. Douglass is still growing into his 6-6 frame and gets good movement from his sinker/slurve combination.

Julio has the velocity (93-96 mph) and quality slider needed to close, but must improve both his command and fastball movement. Smith, the Orioles' top pick in 2001, is a bulldog-type pitcher with a good fastball and cutter. He should be ready by 2004. The athletic Bass could evolve into a strong offensive middle infielder with tremendous upside.

Tim Lincecum Jr. and Darnell McDonald could get at-bats in a depleted Baltimore outfield, while 2B/OF Willie Harris could find a utility role. Right-handers Rick Bauer, John Stephens and Steve Bechler will compete for rotation spots, while the Orioles' bullpen will get help from the heat of Kris Foster and Luis Rivera.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
49	John Bale	L	L	6-4	205	05/22/74	Cheverly, MD	GC-Orioles (R)	0-0	2.25	2	2	0	0	4.0	1	2	7
								Rochester (AAA)	1-1	2.05	9	7	0	0	30.2	31	5	41
56	Rick Bauer	R	R	6-6	212	01/10/77	Garden Grove, CA	Baltimore	1-0	3.04	14	0	0	0	26.2	18	17	21
								Bowie (AA)	2-6	3.54	9	9	2	0	61.0	52	10	34
								Rochester (AAA)	10-4	3.89	19	18	1	0	113.1	119	28	89
	Steve Bechler	R	R	6-2	207	11/18/79	Medford, OR	Baltimore	0-5	4.64	6	6	0	0	33.0	35	9	16
								Frederick (A)	5-2	2.27	13	13	1	0	83.1	73	22	71
								Rochester (AAA)	1-1	15.95	2	2	0	0	7.1	14	5	6
	Erik Bedard	L	L	6-1	180	03/06/79	Naum, Ontario	Bowie (AA)	3-5	3.08	12	12	2	0	79.0	63	15	58
								GC-Orioles (R)	0-1	3.00	2	2	0	0	6.0	4	3	7
								Frederick (A)	9-2	2.15	17	17	0	0	96.1	68	26	130
	Chris Brock	R	R	6-0	180	02/05/70	Altamonte Springs, FL	Philadelphia	3-0	4.13	24	0	0	0	32.2	35	15	26
47	Sean Douglass	R	R	6-6	200	04/28/79	Lancaster, CA	Rochester (AAA)	8-9	3.49	27	27	0	0	162.1	160	61	156
								Baltimore	2-1	5.31	4	4	0	0	20.1	21	11	17
19	Scott Erickson	R	R	6-4	230	02/02/68	Long Beach, CA	Did Not Play										
36	Kris Foster	R	R	6-1	200	08/30/74	Riverdale, NJ	Jacksonville (AA)	3-0	1.00	17	0	0	7	18.0	6	2	29
								Las Vegas (AAA)	0-1	3.86	21	0	0	12	21.0	25	4	17
								Rochester (AAA)	0-1	5.40	9	0	0	6	10.0	11	6	11
								Baltimore	0-0	2.70	7	0	0	0	10.0	9	8	8
27	Buddy Groom	L	L	6-2	207	07/10/65	Dallas, TX	Baltimore	1-4	3.55	70	0	0	11	66.0	64	9	54
41	Pat Hentgen	R	R	6-2	195	11/13/68	Detroit, MI	Baltimore	2-3	3.47	9	9	1	0	62.1	51	19	33
16	Jason Johnson	R	R	6-6	235	10/27/73	Santa Barbara, CA	Baltimore	10-12	4.09	32	32	2	0	196.0	194	77	114
50	Jorge Julio	R	R	6-1	190	03/03/79	Caracas, Venezuela	Bowie (AA)	0-0	0.73	12	0	0	7	12.1	5	2	14
								Rochester (AAA)	1-2	3.74	34	0	0	12	43.1	39	19	48
								Baltimore	1-1	3.80	18	0	0	0	21.1	25	9	22
12	Calvin Maduro	R	R	6-0	180	09/05/74	Santa Cruz, Aruba	Rochester (AAA)	2-7	4.03	12	11	1	0	67.0	61	22	48
								Baltimore	5-6	4.23	22	12	0	0	93.2	83	36	51
	Mike Paradis	R	R	6-3	190	05/03/78	Auburn, MA	Bowie (AA)	8-13	4.71	27	26	1	0	137.2	157	62	108
54	John Parrish	L	L	5-11	181	11/26/77	Lancaster, PA	Rochester (AAA)	7-7	3.52	26	19	1	0	133.0	115	51	126
								Baltimore	1-2	6.14	16	1	0	0	22.0	22	17	20
43	Sidney Ponson	R	R	6-1	225	11/02/76	Noord, Aruba	Bowie (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	4.0	3	1	2
								Baltimore	5-10	4.94	23	23	3	0	138.1	161	37	84
73	Matt Riley	L	L	6-1	201	08/02/79	Antioch, CA	Did Not Play										
60	Luis Rivera	R	R	6-3	163	06/21/78	Chihuahua, Mexico	Did Not Play										
37	Willis Roberts	R	R	6-3	175	06/19/75	San Cristobal, DR	Baltimore	9-10	4.91	46	18	1	6	132.0	142	55	95
52	B.J. Ryan	L	L	6-6	230	12/28/75	Bossier City, LA	Baltimore	2-4	4.25	61	0	0	2	53.0	47	30	54
	John Stephens	R	R	6-1	175	11/15/79	Sydney, Australia	Bowie (AA)	11-4	1.84	18	17	3	0	132.0	95	21	130
								Rochester (AAA)	2-5	4.03	9	9	0	0	58.0	52	19	61
35	Josh Towers	R	R	6-1	165	02/26/77	Port Hueneme, CA	Rochester (AAA)	3-1	3.51	6	6	1	0	41.0	40	8	27
								Baltimore	8-10	4.49	24	20	1	0	140.1	165	16	58
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
26	Brook Fordyce	R	R	6-0	190	05/07/70	New London, CT	Baltimore	.209	95	292	30	61	18	0	5	19	1
60	Geronimo Gil	R	R	6-2	195	08/07/75	Oaxaca, Mexico	Las Vegas (AAA)	.295	82	281	40	83	15	0	9	40	0
								Rochester (AAA)	.268	23	82	7	22	6	1	2	14	0
								Baltimore	.293	17	58	3	17	2	0	0	6	0
51	Fernando Lunar	R	R	6-1	190	05/25/77	Cantaura, Venezuela	Baltimore	.246	64	167	8	41	7	0	0	16	0
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
10	Tony Batista	R	R	6-0	185	12/09/73	Puerto Plata, DR	Toronto	.207	72	271	29	56	11	1	13	45	0
								Baltimore	.266	84	308	41	82	16	5	12	42	5
14	Mike Bordick	R	R	5-11	175	07/21/65	Marquette, MI	Bowie (AA)	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Delmarva (A)	.000	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
								Baltimore	.249	58	229	32	57	13	0	7	30	9
18	Jeff Conine	R	R	6-1	220	06/27/66	Tacoma, WA	Baltimore	.311	139	524	75	163	23	2	14	97	12
15	Jerry Hairston Jr.	R	R	5-10	175	05/29/76	Naperville, IL	Baltimore	.233	159	532	63	124	25	5	8	47	29
1	Brian Roberts	S	R	5-9	170	10/09/77	Durham, NC	Bowie (AA)	.296	22	81	12	24	7	0	1	7	10
								Rochester (AAA)	.267	44	161	16	43	4	1	1	12	23
								Baltimore	.253	75	273	42	69	12	3	2	17	12
	Eddie Rogers	R	R	6-1	165	08/10/81	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Bowie (AA)	.199	53	191	11	38	10	1	0	13	10
								Frederick (A)	.260	73	292	39	76	20	3	8	41	18
23	David Segui	S	L	6-1	202	07/19/66	Kansas City, KS	Baltimore	.301	82	292	48	88	18	1	10	46	1
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
3	Larry Bigbie	L	R	6-4	190	11/04/77	Hobart, IN	Bowie (AA)	.294	71	262	41	77	13	3	8	33	10
								Rochester (AAA)	.310	10	42	5	13	4	0	1	2	1
								Baltimore	.229	47	131	15	30	6	0	2	11	4
46	Marty Cordova	R	R	6-0	206	07/10/69	Las Vegas, NV	Cleveland	.301	122	409	61	123	20	2	20	69	0
25	Jay Gibbons	L	L	6-0	200	03/02/77	Rochester, MI	Baltimore	.236	73	225	27	53	10	0	15	36	0
40	Willie Harris	L	R	5-9	175	06/22/78	Cairo, GA	Bowie (AA)	.305	133	525	83	160	27	4	9	49	54
								Baltimore	.125	9	24	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
32	Luis Matos	R	R	6-0	179	10/30/78	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	GC-Orioles (R)	.286	3	14	1	4	2	0	0	2	0
								Frederick (A)	.429	2	7	3	3	0	0	1	2	0
								Bowie (AA)	.304	13	46	6	14	5	0	1	8	0
								Baltimore	.214	31	98	16	21	7	0	4	12	7
6	Melvin Mora	R	R	5-11	180	02/02/72	Agua Negra, Venezuela	Baltimore	.250	128	436	49	109	28	0	7	48	11
63	Tim Raines Jr.	S	R	5-10	183	08/31/79	Memphis, TN	Frederick (A)	.250	23	84	15	21	3	1	3	13	14
								Bowie (AA)	.291	65	254	46	74	14	1	4	30	29
								Rochester (AAA)	.256	40	133	19	34	5	1	2	12	11
								Baltimore	.174	7	23	6	4	2	0	0	0	3
38	Chris Richard	L	L	6-2	190	06/07/74	San Diego, CA	Baltimore	.265	136	483	74	128	31	3	15	61	11

AMERICAN LEAGUE CENTRAL



Indians' downsizing may allow Sox to leapfrog Cleveland.

By Joe Goddard, *Chicago Sun-Times*

Star power has just about disappeared from the once-proud Central Division. Cleveland let loose of Roberto Alomar, Juan Gonzalez and Kenny Lofton.

The Chicago White Sox aren't certain if Frank Thomas is completely healed from a torn triceps muscle, and didn't give a thought to picking up David Wells' option.

The Minnesota Twins lost their only recognizable name when manager Tom Kelly retired.

The Indians had no competition last season when the White Sox broke down with a slow start and injuries. Now, the shoe seems to be on the other team's foot with Cleveland downsizing its payroll. In just three months, new General Manager Mark Shapiro traded or released leadoff hitter Lofton, No. 3 hitter Alomar, cleanup hitter Gonzalez, No. 7 hitter Marty Cordova and starting pitcher Dave Burba, who in four years had won 56 games.

Watching in semi-amusement were the White Sox, whose only major move was trading for a No. 2 pitcher from Pittsburgh in Todd Ritchie.

Chicago White Sox

Offense will be a strength again for manager Jerry Manuel if Thomas fits back into his No. 3 batting slot behind Ray Durham and Jose Valentin, and ahead of Magglio Ordonez, Paul Konerko and Carlos Lee.

The Sox scored 180 fewer runs without him last season, having set a club record of 978 runs in 2000 when they won the division. Thomas, blaming his injury troubles on too much weight work, concentrated in the offseason on flexibility.

Cleveland Indians

Owner Larry Dolan hinted at payroll cutbacks when he said he was shocked "at the idea of throwing money at ballplayers who have no regard to the history of the game." Thus, an order to trim at least \$15 million in salaries.

Shapiro, departed GM John Hart's assistant, came out with guns blazing. He traded Alomar

to the New York Mets, and released Gonzalez, Lofton, Cordova and Burba. Their replacements are adequate, if not spectacular.

Fortunately, the Indians have two pitching aces in Bartolo Colon and C.C. Sabathia, and a closer in Bob Wickman.

Minnesota Twins

The Twins were a ship without a rudder for most of the offseason. Major League Baseball supposedly identified the club for contraction. Longtime manager Tom Kelly decided enough was enough and retired from an organization reluctant to spend money. As a result of all the turmoil, the Twins were handcuffed in trying to improve themselves.

Kansas City Royals

Manager Tony Muser gained a late-season vote of confidence from General Manager Allard Baird, who likes Muser's teaching skills. That could change if the team stumbles coming out of the gate.

The Royals have so many needs it's hard to know where to begin. For starters, they need pitching help in the rotation and bullpen, plus a leadoff hitter and a power hitter to help protect rising star Mike Sweeney. They also need more people to get on base; they were last in league on-base percentage.

Detroit Tigers

This is a watch-and-learn season for new Tigers President Dave Dombrowski, who went through the same process with the Florida Marlins before bringing them a 1997 world championship in just five years on the job.

It might take that long for the Tigers to regain their mid-1980s prominence. Dombrowski's first goal with General Manager Randy Smith and manager Phil Garner is to win within the division. The Tigers were 24-52 versus the Central last season compared to 42-44 against the rest of baseball.

With the newness of Comerica Park wearing off, the Tigers need a fast start.



DIVISION'S BEST

TOP PLAYER:

Mike Sweeney Royals

TOP PITCHER:

Bartolo Colon Indians

TOP ROOKIE:

Angel Berroa Royals

Chicago White Sox

Chicago hopes Ritchie makes the Sox richer than downsized Indians.

Nothing went right for the Chicago White Sox last season. They started slowly in defense of their division title, suffered numerous injuries and didn't fare well in the free-agent market with David Wells, Sandy Alomar and Royce Clayton.

But everything could go right this year with Frank Thomas presumably healthy again, no high-risk free agents, trade acquisition Todd Ritchie giving the rotation some credibility and

In his first full major league season, Mark Buehrle became the first White Sox lefty to win 16 games since Floyd Bannister in 1987.



division rival Cleveland downsizing by dealing or freeing Roberto Alomar, Juan Gonzalez and Kenny Lofton.

"I won't miss seeing those (Indians) players come to the plate, but I don't believe for one moment that they are a team we can no longer look at as competitors in the division," Sox General Manager Kenny Williams says.

Convinced his remaining players from the division winners of two seasons ago will be sound, Williams made a seemingly insignificant move by gaining Ritchie from Pittsburgh for pitchers Sean Lowe, Kip Wells and Josh Fogg. Ritchie, who was 11-15 with a 4.47 ERA with the Pirates last year, ostensibly replaces David Wells in the rotation. Wells was 5-7 with a 4.47 ERA last season before going out with back surgery after 16 starts. Catcher Alomar is iffy coming off knee surgery and Clayton put together only a half-season of offense at shortstop, batting .323 in the second half and .198 in the first, but added a good glove to an otherwise nondescript defense.

The White Sox have other concerns, with one of the major leagues' youngest rotations. There's an unsettled bullpen except for closer Keith Foulke, and an overload of right-handed hitting outfielders and first basemen.

Doubting Thomas

A healthy Thomas would be a huge plus. He played only 20 games before tearing the triceps muscle in his right arm while diving for a ball at first base. He hit just .221 with four home runs and 10 RBI. Thomas wants to stay involved on the field, but he's more likely to return to designated hitting. He's 33 now, and with Paul Konerko (.282, 32 homers, 99 RBI) doing such a good job at first, the club would like to keep Thomas out of harm's way.

Ray Durham has leveled off at second base, but that's not necessarily bad. His .267 average



Last season, second baseman Ray Durham scored 100 runs for the fifth straight year and became only the sixth player since 1950 to record at least 40 doubles, 10 triples and 20 home runs.

was his lowest since his 1995 rookie season, his stolen bases have declined in each of the last four years and his range is becoming limited. But Durham remains a powerful leadoff threat, having delivered 42 doubles, 10 triples and 20 homers last season. He has scored 100 or more runs in five straight seasons.

Valentin breaks out

Jose Valentin, the team's inspirational leader and a surprising power source (.258, 28, 68), will begin the year at third while blue-chip prospect Joe Crede (.276, 17 homers at Triple-A Charlotte) gets some more seasoning. Clayton broke Ron Hansen's 1963 club record for shortstop fielding percentage with a .988 mark and overcame a poor first half to finish .263-9-60 at the plate. Tony Graffanino (.303, 2, 15) is one of the league's better infield reserves.

Magglio Ordonez heads the outfield. He is only one of three White Sox in club history to be named to three straight All-Star Games. The right fielder joined an elite group of seven major leaguers to hit .300 with 40 doubles, 30 homers, 100 RBI and 20 stolen bases when he hit .305, with 40 doubles, 31 homers, 113 RBI and 25 thefts last season. Center fielder Chris Singleton almost played himself out of the lineup with an early unproductive bat, but raised his average to

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.268	5	RUNS	798	6	FIELDING	.981	10
TOTAL BASES	2463	4	HOME RUNS	214	2	ERA	4.55	8
SLUGGING	.451	3	STOLEN BASES	123	7	SAVES	51	3
ON-BASE %	.334	6	LEFT ON BASE	1054	1	OPP. BA	.266	6

Personnel File

MAGGLIO ORDONEZ

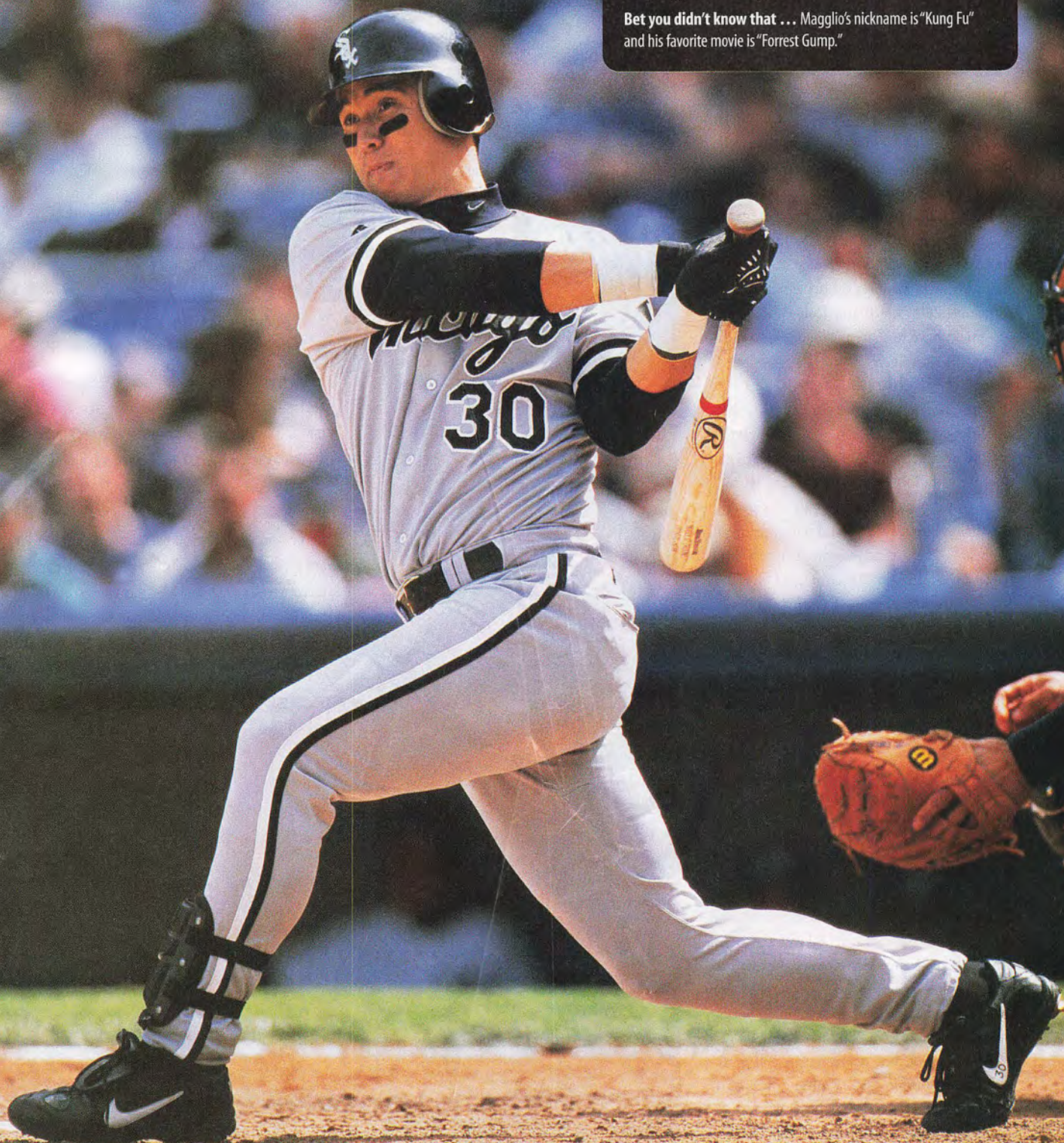
Born: Caracas, Venezuela

Birthday: January 28, 1974

MLB Debut: August 29, 1997

Family Ties: Magglio is married to Dagly and they have two children, Maggiana and Magglio Jr.

Bet you didn't know that . . . Magglio's nickname is "Kung Fu" and his favorite movie is "Forrest Gump."



.298 at season's end despite hitting just seven homers and driving in only 45 runs.

Carlos Lee took two steps back in left field with his defense and one with his offense, dropping from .301, 24 homers and 92 RBI two years ago in his first full pro season to .269-24-84. The biggest concern was Lee's .228 average after the All-Star break. The club is waiting to break in Aaron Rowand, who hit .293 with the Sox in 63 games after batting .295 at Triple-A Charlotte with 16 homers. Ditto for top 2001 draft choice Joe Borchard, the Double-A Southern League MVP runner-up who hit .295-27-98 with Birmingham. The Sox can also use Valentin in the outfield along with Jeff Liefer (.256, 18, 39), and Brian Simmons returns from a short stay at Toronto.

There are apparent weaknesses at catcher, where Alomar (.245, 4, 21) is coming off two surgeries on his right knee at age 35 to go with seven career procedures on his left knee. Mark Johnson (.249, 5, 18) and Josh Paul (.266, 3, 18) might have to share the load.

Buehrle, Ritchie make good 1-2

The club believes first-year surprise Mark Buehrle (16-8, 3.29 ERA, .230 opponents' batting average) and Ritchie will make a good one-two rotation punch. It expects 16 to 18 victories from each. Ritchie won 35 games the last three years for the weak Pirates, recovering from an 0-8 start last season to finish 11-15 with a 4.47 ERA in 207 innings. Left-hander Jim Parque, one of many Sox pitchers needing surgery in 2001, hopes to regain his 13-5 form from two years ago after a torn labrum. He only was 0-3, 8.04 in five starts. Candidates for the fourth and fifth spots are Jon Garland (6-7, 3.69), Gary Glover (5-5, 4.93) and Dan Wright (5-3, 5.70). Rocky Biddle (7-8, 5.39) made 21 starts in 30 appearances, but he'll probably open in the bullpen while coming back from shoulder surgery.

The bullpen is anchored by Foulke, whose 42 saves were second in team history to Bobby Thigpen's 57 in 1990. Bob Howry (4-5, 4.69, five saves) should be stronger now that he's two years removed from surgery. Glover and Biddle will be here if they don't make the rotation. Ryan Kohlmeier was claimed off waivers from Baltimore, where he had six saves in 34 appearances, but his ERA was 7.30. Foes only hit .238 off Matt Ginter, but he also struggled with a 5.22 ERA. Antonio Osuna missed most of the year with surgery. Kelly Wunsch (2-1, 7.66) should be healthy enough for left-handed work after labrum surgery. He made a league-high 83 appearances in 2000. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



JERRY MANUEL
Manager

COACHES

Nardi Contreras
Wallace Johnson
Art Kusnyer
Joe Nossek
Gary Pettis
Gary Ward



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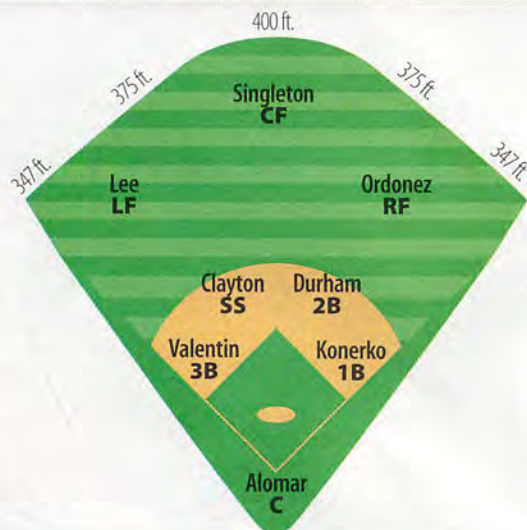
Buehrle (LH)
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Glover (RH)

BULLPEN

Foulke (RH)
Howry (RH)
Biddle (RH)
Kohlmeier (RH)
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IMPACT ROOKIE: JOE BORCHARD



Former Stanford QB has eyes on spot in White Sox outfield

The former Stanford quarterback turned down a possible first-round NFL Draft selection to become one of the top outfield prospects in baseball. The switch-hitter has above-average power (27 HR/.509 slugging) from both sides of the plate, but doesn't make good contact from the right side. His swing has a tendency to become long and can be subdued by good pitching. He runs well for his size and plays the game with intensity. Although his profile is that of a corner outfielder, he has spent the majority of his time in center field, showing adequate range and a powerful arm. The White Sox have no need to rush him, and he'll become a legitimate power threat when he's ready.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Joe Borchard, OF
2. Joe Crede, 3B
3. Jon Rauch, RHP
4. Matt Ginter, RHP
5. Corwin Malone, LHP
6. Tim Hummel, 2B
7. Jason Stumm, RHP
8. Brian West, RHP
9. Miguel Olivo, C
10. Kyle Kane, RHP

The White Sox are widely regarded as having the best young pitching in the minor leagues, but they also possess two of the top hitting prospects in the game. Borchard has plus power and will take over in center field as soon as he can control the strike zone. Crede will be the eventual starter at third base, where he will supply a good batting average with power. Rauch, one of the top pitching prospects in baseball going into the 2001 season, had reconstructive elbow surgery in the spring and should return healthy.

Ginter possesses a nasty slider along with a 93-mph fast ball, and could handle a variety of roles for Chicago. Malone,

who throws hard for a left-hander (92-94 mph), finally grasped command of his pitches, holding hitters to a .196 average last season between Single-A and Double-A. Hummel made the transition to second base at Double-A Birmingham, and is a solid player with moderate power and speed. Stumm had elbow surgery in 1999, but made four starts at the end of the season in rookie ball, with his velocity (low 90s) intact.

West has excellent arm strength and durability, but needs to get ahead in the count more often. Olivo is perhaps the best defensive catcher in the minors, possessing a strong throwing arm and moderate power. Kane altered his mechanics at Birmingham last season, which left him with plus velocity and movement from his fastball and slider.

Outfielders Julio Ramirez and Mario Valenzuela will look to fill reserve outfield roles. Middle infielder Liu Rodriguez is a fine defender who has shown hitting skills in the past, and could get a utility job.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Edwin Almonte	R	R	6-3	200	12/17/76	Santiago, DR	Birmingham (AA)	1-4	1.49	54	0	0	36	66.1	58	16	62
49	Lorenzo Barcelo	R	R	6-4	230	08/10/77	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Charlotte (AAA)	1-0	5.40	2	0	0	0	5.0	6	1	5
								Chicago	1-0	4.71	17	0	0	0	21.0	24	8	15
60	Rocky Biddle	R	R	6-3	230	05/21/76	Las Vegas, NV	Chicago	7-8	5.39	30	21	0	0	128.2	137	52	85
56	Mark Buehrle	L	L	6-2	200	03/23/79	St. Charles, MO	Chicago	16-8	3.29	32	32	4	0	221.1	188	48	126
29	Keith Foulke	R	R	6-0	210	10/19/72	Ellsworth AFB, SD	Chicago	4-9	2.33	72	0	0	42	81.0	57	22	75
52	Jon Garland	R	R	6-6	205	09/27/79	Valencia, CA	Charlotte (AAA)	0-3	2.73	5	5	1	0	33.0	31	11	26
								Chicago	6-7	3.69	35	16	0	1	117.0	123	55	61
58	Matt Ginter	R	R	6-1	220	12/24/77	Winchester, KY	Charlotte (AAA)	2-3	2.59	22	10	0	0	76.1	62	24	67
								Chicago	1-0	5.22	20	0	0	0	39.2	34	14	24
38	Gary Glover	R	R	6-5	205	12/03/76	Cleveland, OH	Charlotte (AAA)	2-1	1.88	6	6	1	0	38.1	21	5	29
								Chicago	5-5	4.93	46	11	0	0	100.1	98	32	63
	Matt Guerrier	R	R	6-3	190	08/02/78	Cleveland, OH	Birmingham (AA)	11-3	3.10	15	15	1	0	98.2	85	32	75
								Charlotte (AAA)	7-1	3.54	12	12	3	0	81.1	75	18	43
46	Bob Howry	L	R	6-5	220	08/04/73	Phoenix, AZ	Chicago	4-5	4.69	69	0	0	5	78.2	85	30	64
	Kyle Kane	L	R	6-3	215	02/04/76	Temecula, CA	Winston-Salem (A)	1-0	2.08	14	0	0	1	21.2	10	8	32
								Charlotte (AAA)	0-0	6.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	4	1	0
								Birmingham (AA)	2-1	1.85	26	0	0	3	34.0	20	6	43
59	Ryan Kohlmeier	R	R	6-2	223	06/25/77	Salina, KS	Rochester (AAA)	1-4	2.36	14	7	0	4	42.0	36	8	28
								Baltimore	1-2	7.30	34	1	0	6	40.2	48	19	29
	Onan Masaoka	R	L	6-0	188	10/27/77	Hilo, HI	Las Vegas (AAA)	8-4	5.55	31	5	0	1	73.0	87	28	61
								Charlotte (AAA)	0-1	4.30	14	0	0	5	14.2	11	5	22
36	Antonio Osuna	R	R	5-11	206	04/12/73	Sinaloa, Mexico	Chicago	0-0	20.77	4	0	0	0	4.1	8	2	6
40	Jim Parque	L	L	5-11	170	02/08/76	Norwalk, CA	Chicago	0-3	8.04	5	5	1	0	28.0	36	10	15
51	Jon Rauch	R	R	6-10	230	09/27/78	Louisville, KY	Charlotte (AAA)	1-3	5.79	6	6	0	0	28.0	28	7	27
48	Todd Ritchie	R	R	6-3	222	11/07/71	Portsmouth, VA	Pittsburgh	11-15	4.47	33	33	4	0	207.1	211	52	124
62	Dan Wright	R	R	6-5	225	12/14/77	Longview, TX	Birmingham (AA)	7-7	2.82	20	20	0	0	134.0	112	41	128
								Chicago	5-3	5.70	13	12	0	0	66.1	78	39	36
65	Kelly Wunsch	L	L	6-5	225	07/12/72	Houston, TX	Chicago	2-1	7.66	33	0	0	0	22.1	21	9	16
	Mitch Wylie	R	R	6-3	190	01/14/77	Davenport, IA	Winston-Salem (A)	0-1	3.60	1	1	0	0	5.0	7	1	4
								Birmingham (AA)	15-4	4.21	24	24	0	0	141.0	138	46	123

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
15	Sandy Alomar Jr.	R	R	6-5	235	06/18/66	Salinas, Puerto Rico	Chicago	.245	70	220	17	54	8	1	4	21	1
8	Mark L. Johnson	L	R	6-0	185	09/12/75	Wheat Ridge, CO	Charlotte (AAA)	.270	55	196	24	53	5	2	4	24	2
								Chicago	.249	61	173	21	43	6	1	5	18	2
	Miguel Olivo	R	R	6-1	215	07/15/78	Monte Cristi, DR	Birmingham (AA)	.259	93	316	45	82	23	1	14	55	6
27	Josh Paul	R	R	6-1	200	05/19/75	Evanston, IL	Charlotte (AAA)	.280	22	75	11	21	4	0	4	14	0
								Chicago	.266	57	139	20	37	11	0	3	18	6

#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
10	Royce Clayton	R	R	6-0	185	01/02/70	Burbank, CA	Chicago	.263	135	433	62	114	21	4	9	60	10
24	Joe Crede	R	R	6-2	195	04/26/78	Jefferson City, MO	Charlotte (AAA)	.276	124	463	67	128	34	1	17	65	2
								Chicago	.220	17	50	1	11	1	1	0	7	1
34	Jason Dellaero	S	R	6-2	195	12/17/76	Mount Kisco, NY	Charlotte (AAA)	.178	115	377	32	67	10	0	11	28	4
5	Ray Durham	S	R	5-8	180	11/30/71	Charlotte, NC	Chicago	.267	152	611	104	163	42	10	20	65	23
17	Tony Graffanino	R	R	6-1	190	06/06/72	Amityville, NY	Chicago	.303	74	145	23	44	9	0	2	15	4
35	Frank Thomas	R	R	6-5	275	05/27/68	Columbus, GA	Chicago	.221	20	68	8	15	3	0	4	10	0
14	Paul Konerko	R	R	6-2	215	03/05/76	Providence, RI	Chicago	.282	156	582	92	164	35	0	32	99	1
22	Jose Valentin	S	R	5-10	185	10/12/69	Manati, Puerto Rico	Chicago	.258	124	438	74	113	22	2	28	68	9

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
45	Carlos Lee	R	R	6-2	235	06/20/76	Aguadulce, Panama	Chicago	.269	150	558	75	150	33	3	24	84	17
39	Jeff Liefer	L	R	6-3	210	08/17/74	Fontana, CA	Charlotte (AAA)	.286	32	119	23	34	7	0	6	21	3
								Chicago	.256	83	254	36	65	13	0	18	39	0
30	Magglio Ordonez	R	R	6-0	210	01/28/74	Caracas, Venezuela	Chicago	.305	160	593	97	181	40	1	31	113	25
44	Aaron Rowand	R	R	6-1	200	08/29/77	Portland, OR	Charlotte (AAA)	.295	82	329	54	97	28	0	16	48	8
								Chicago	.293	63	123	21	36	5	0	4	20	5
22	Brian Simmons	S	R	6-2	190	09/04/73	Lebanon, PA	Syracuse (AAA)	.264	52	201	24	53	10	1	2	20	4
								Toronto	.178	60	107	8	19	5	0	2	8	1
12	Chris Singleton	L	L	6-2	210	08/15/72	Martinez, CA	Chicago	.298	140	392	57	117	21	5	7	45	12

Cleveland Indians

With less star power on the reservation, Indians are out to prove that you don't 'gotta have Hart.'

Out with the old and in with the new? That's the way it is on Lake Erie, where John Hart, the Indians' longtime general manager, left for the Texas Rangers after collecting the club's sixth division championship in the last seven years.

New GM Mark Shapiro, under instructions from owner Larry Dolan to trim at least \$15 million off the \$90-million payroll, started by freeing outfielder Juan Gonzalez, then stunned the baseball world by trading second baseman Roberto Alomar to the New York Mets for outfielder Matt Lawton, prospect outfielder Alex Escobar, setup reliever Jerrod Riggan and the Mets' top 2000 draft pick, starting pitcher Billy Traber.

Also gone are former Gold Glove outfielder Kenny Lofton, 10-game winner Dave Burba and 20-home run outfielder Marty Cordova. Total loss of payroll from the five departed players before raises? About \$32 million.

Most of the moves were economical, leaving Cleveland in a rebuilding mode. "I know this trade won't be immediately embraced, but we believe in it," Shapiro said of the Alomar deal.

Gonzalez had been brought in by Hart for one year to replace Manny Ramirez's big numbers, which he did, with a .325 average, 35 home runs and 140 runs batted in. And now Alomar is also gone, taking with him 10 career Gold Gloves and, from last season, a .336 average, 20 homers, 113 runs scored, 100 RBI and 30 stolen bases.

None of this bodes well for manager Charlie Manuel, who twice was hospitalized last season with stomach ailments and had gall bladder surgery in December.

Going, going ... Juan gone

Who will assume Gonzalez's power numbers? Ellis Burks is 37 and won't play much defense

because of bad knees. Free-agent acquisition Brady Anderson, 38, hit 50 home runs for Baltimore in 1996, but only had eight last season. Travis Fryman might need more arm surgery after hitting just three homers in 334 at-bats.

A change of setting may be what Lofton's lead-off replacement, Anderson, needs. He hit just .202 with 45 RBI for the Orioles last season, but is a positive influence in the clubhouse and could respond well to a division race. He'll compete with Russell Branyan (.232, 20 HR, 54 RBI with 132 strikeouts in 315 at-bats) for left field. Milton Bradley, taking over in center, is not ready for a leadoff role despite Lofton-type speed that produced 33 stolen bases in Montreal's system last season. He hit just .223 with the Expos. Lawton will be in right after batting a combined .277 for the Mets and Minnesota Twins (95 runs, 13 homers, 64 RBI, 29 steals).

Left without roles are Wil Cordero (.250, 4, 21), who had a stretch of no homers in 257 at-bats, and Karim Garcia (.264, 31, 85 at Triple-A Buffalo). Escobar, described as a "five-tool player" despite 146 strikeouts in 397 at-bats at Class AAA Norfolk, appears earmarked for Buffalo.

The infield looked solid on the right side until Alomar was traded, leaving free-agent acquisition Ricky Gutierrez (.267, 10, 66 with the Cubs) to work alongside power-hitting first baseman Jim Thome. Thome struck out 185 times last season to break his own record, but he made up for it with a .291 average, 49 homers, 124 RBI and 111 walks. The left side has big question marks, with Fryman beset by injuries and Omar Vizquel showing his age (34) with the demands of the shortstop position. Fryman missed one-third of the season with an elbow injury and needed November rotator cuff surgery. Complaining of back woes, he hit .167 in postseason. Vizquel



Rookie pitcher C.C. Sabathia (top) and veteran first baseman Jim Thome were the brightest stars to shine in Cleveland last season, as Sabathia led all MLB rookie hurlers with 17 wins while Thome had career highs in homers (49) and RBI (124).

won his ninth Gold Glove, but could be slipping offensively after a .255-2-50 performance. John McDonald and Jolbert Cabrera are solid reserves.

Catching is solid with Einar Diaz, who not only threw out 35 percent of would-be base-stealers to lead A.L. catchers but led all catchers in doubles (35) while batting .277 with 56 RBI. Eddie Taubensee, slowed for six weeks by a viral

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.278	2	RUNS	897	2	FIELDING	.982	4
TOTAL BASES	2563	2	HOME RUNS	212	3	ERA	4.64	9
SLUGGING	.458	2	STOLEN BASES	79	12	SAVES	42	8
ON-BASE %	.350	2	LEFT ON BASE	1136	9	OPP. BA	.270	9

Personnel File

CHARLES EDWARD FINLEY

Born: Vega Baja, Louisiana

Birthday: November 26, 1962

MLB Debut: May 29, 1986

Family Ties: Chuck is married to actress Tawny Kitaen. They have two daughters, Merin (age 8) and Raine (3).

Bet you didn't know that . . . Wife Tawny co-starred with Tom Hanks in the 1984 hit comedy "Bachelor Party" and was married to Whitesnake lead singer David Coverdale. Kitaen is the daughter of Raquel Welch.



infection, was .250-3-11, while Tim Laker hit 20 homers at Triple-A.

Burks seems settled at designated hitter, a broken right thumb having limited him to 124 games in 2001. He still hit .280 with 28 homers and 74 RBI.

Starting pitching remains in flux, thanks in part to the continued health problems of Charles Nagy and Jaret Wright. Nagy won the Tribe's only A.L. Division Series game, but struggled to go 5-6 with a 6.40 ERA with no cartilage in his pitching elbow. Wright was 2-2, 6.52 while facing two shoulder surgeries in 13 months.

C.C.'s ride

Fortunately, Bartolo Colon and C.C. Sabathia had a combined 31-17 record. Colon had a slow June stretch, mostly due to a lack of run support—and later was suspended six games for throwing over a batter's head—but he struck out more than 200 for the second straight season and had a 3.28 ERA in the second half (4.09 overall). At 21, Sabathia had the finest rookie season for an Indians left-hander since Gene Bearden in 1948. He led A.L. freshmen with 17 wins (five losses) and fanned 171 in 180 innings. New pitching coach Mike Brown has a project in lefty Chuck Finley, who at 39 was reduced to 22 starts because of neck and rib injuries. He finished 8-7, 5.54.

The Indians are expected to move Cuban Danys Baez from the bullpen, where he was brilliant with a 5-3 record and 2.50 ERA in 50 innings. Ryan Drese was impressive at three levels, including Cleveland (3.44 ERA in nine games). Former Yankee prospect Jake Westbrook was 4-4, 5.85 with the Indians after going 8-1, 3.20 at Buffalo, and Tim Drew was 8-6, 3.92 in Triple-A.

Off their Rocker

Bob Wickman regained the closer role over John Rocker by going 32-for-35 in save situations with 5-0 record and 2.39 ERA. Rocker had just three saves, a 3-7 record and 5.45 ERA with the Indians, wearing out his welcome and getting traded to Texas. Paul Shuey is the setup man if he can stay healthy. On the disabled list 10 times in five years, Shuey suffered elbow troubles and earned just nine holds after leading the league with 28 in 2000.

If Baez sticks in the rotation, Riggan moves into the bullpen after posting a 1.95 ERA with Triple-A Norfolk (four walks, 37 strikeouts in 32 innings). David Riske was 2-0, 1.98 in 26 games with the Indians. Cleveland appears set in lefty relief with Ricardo Rincon (2-1, 2.83) and rehab project Scott Radinsky.

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Manager

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Grady Little
Eddie Murray
Joel Skinner
Robby Thompson



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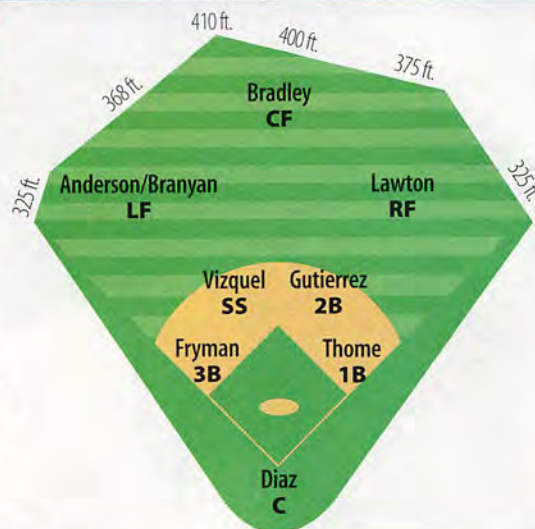
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Nagy (RH)

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Wickman (RH)
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IMPACT ROOKIE: ALEX HERRERA



Smallish Venezuelan pitcher emerges on Indians' reservation

Very rarely do relievers at the low level of the minors have an impact the following season in the majors, but the Indians have found a gem in this diminutive (5-foot-11) Venezuelan. His electric fastball rests comfortably in the low 90s, but he's capable of hitting 95 mph. His slider is practically unhittable for left-handed batters, but he only throws his change-up for show. He knows how to attack hitters, keeps the ball low and is unshakeable on the mound. He dominated Class A and AA last season by striking out 12.5 batters per nine innings, holding hitters to a paltry .171 average. At 22, Herrera could easily handle a situational role, and has the stuff to close in the future.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Alex Escobar, OF
2. Corey Smith, 3B
3. Victor Martinez, C
4. Billy Traber, LHP
5. Alex Herrera, LHP
6. Dan Denham, RHP
7. Ryan Drese, RHP
8. Brian Tallett, LHP
9. J.D. Martin, RHP
10. David Riske, RHP

The Indians used Grade-A prospects C.C. Sabathia and Danys Baez for their pennant run in 2001, which left the cupboard bare. But an excellent 2001 draft focused on pitching, and some astute trades, have replenished the system. Escobar, acquired from the Mets in the Roberto Alomar deal, is a power/speed prospect who could open in the Cleveland outfield with a strong spring training. Smith, with his bat, speed and power, is a potential run-producer, but needs to reduce his strikeouts. Martinez led the Class A Carolina League with a .329 batting average and is a strong receiver, but he will have to prove himself at higher levels and improve his arm strength.

Traber looks like a complete pitcher, with four quality pitches and the ability to work all quadrants of the plate. Herrera was Cleveland's Minor League Pitcher of the Year in 2001 and will progress as far as his power arm will take him. Denham, the Indians' top pick in 2001, has a live arm but will have to address his mechanical/command issues. Drese worked his way from middle relief to the Cleveland rotation in September by throwing strikes and challenging hitters.

Tallett, a polished, finesse lefty who stands 6-foot-7, isn't overpowering, but has shown the will to win. Martin was likely the most polished high school pitcher taken in the 2001 draft and had a sparkling 1.38 ERA in 10 starts in the rookie-level Appalachian League. Riske was given responsibility down the stretch last season for Cleveland and figures to help set up closer Bob Wickman.

Outfielder Donzell McDonald, middle infielder John McDonald and 3B/1B Earl Snyder will need strong springs to earn reserve roles.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
55	Danys Baez	R	R	6-3	225	09/10/77	Pinar Del Rio, Cuba	Akron (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	2
								Buffalo (AAA)	2-0	3.20	16	0	0	3	25.1	18	9	30
								Cleveland	5-3	2.50	43	0	0	0	50.1	34	20	52
40	Bartolo Colon	R	R	6-0	230	05/24/75	Altamira, DR	Cleveland	14-12	4.09	34	34	1	0	222.1	220	90	201
56	Sean DePaula	R	R	6-4	220	11/07/73	Newton, MA	Buffalo (AAA)	1-0	1.04	6	0	0	1	8.2	2	4	6
57	Ryan Drese	R	R	6-3	220	04/05/76	San Francisco, CA	Akron (AA)	5-7	3.35	14	13	1	0	86.0	64	29	73
								Buffalo (AAA)	5-1	4.01	11	10	0	0	60.2	60	17	52
								Cleveland	1-2	3.44	9	4	0	0	36.2	32	15	24
47	Tim Drew	R	R	6-1	195	08/31/78	Valdosta, GA	Buffalo (AAA)	8-6	3.92	18	18	1	0	108.0	115	27	75
								Cleveland	0-2	7.97	8	6	0	0	35.0	51	16	15
31	Chuck Finley	L	L	6-6	225	11/26/62	Monroe, LA	Akron (AA)	1-1	0.82	2	2	0	0	11.0	7	2	11
								Cleveland	8-7	5.54	22	22	1	0	113.2	131	35	96
	Alex Herrera	L	L	5-11	175	11/05/79	Maracaibo, VZ	Kinston (A)	4-0	0.60	28	0	0	3	59.2	36	18	83
								Akron (AA)	3-0	2.83	15	0	0	2	28.2	24	9	22
41	Charles Nagy	L	R	6-3	200	05/05/67	Fairfield, CT	Buffalo (AAA)	5-1	2.56	6	6	0	0	38.2	40	9	18
								Cleveland	5-6	6.40	15	13	0	0	70.1	102	20	29
39	Chad Paronto	R	R	6-5	250	07/28/75	Haverhill, NH	Rochester (AAA)	3-3	4.57	33	0	0	1	43.1	44	24	39
								Baltimore	1-3	5.00	24	0	0	0	27.0	33	11	16
86	Jason C. Phillips	R	R	6-6	225	03/22/74	Williamsport, PA	Altoona (AA)	0-1	10.00	6	1	0	0	9.0	18	4	4
								Akron (AA)	2-1	4.13	10	3	0	0	24.0	18	15	20
								Buffalo (AAA)	2-2	3.34	8	6	1	0	35.0	27	8	25
36	Scott Radinsky	L	L	6-3	215	03/03/68	Glendale, CA	Akron (AA)	2-2	3.47	23	0	0	3	23.1	30	3	19
								Buffalo (AAA)	0-1	4.11	16	0	0	1	15.1	13	1	7
								Cleveland	0-0	27.00	2	0	0	0	2.0	4	3	3
38	Jerrold Riggan	R	R	6-4	185	05/16/74	Brewster, WA	Norfolk (AAA)	2-0	1.95	28	0	0	13	32.1	26	4	37
								New York (NL)	3-3	3.40	35	0	0	0	47.2	42	24	41
73	Ricardo Rincon	L	L	5-9	190	04/13/70	Veracruz, Mexico	Cleveland	2-1	2.83	67	0	0	2	54.0	44	21	50
54	David Riske	R	R	6-2	180	10/23/76	Renton, WA	Buffalo (AAA)	1-2	2.36	38	0	0	15	53.1	45	17	72
								Cleveland	2-0	1.98	26	0	0	1	27.1	20	18	29
52	C.C. Sabathia	L	L	6-7	250	07/21/80	Vallejo, CA	Cleveland	17-5	4.39	33	33	0	0	180.1	149	95	171
53	Paul Shuey	R	R	6-3	215	09/16/70	Lima, OH	Akron (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	0	1	2
								Cleveland	5-3	2.82	47	0	0	2	54.1	53	26	70
48	Roy Smith	R	R	6-6	235	05/18/76	St. Petersburg, FL	Buffalo (AAA)	0-5	2.19	48	0	0	18	74.0	59	29	86
								Cleveland	0-0	6.06	9	0	0	0	16.1	16	13	17
	Martin Vargas	R	R	6-0	160	02/22/78	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Akron (AA)	1-5	5.63	32	0	0	9	40.0	52	23	35
								Buffalo (AAA)	0-3	2.93	22	0	0	4	27.2	20	17	22
37	Jake Westbrook	R	R	6-3	200	09/29/77	Athens, GA	Buffalo (AAA)	8-1	3.20	12	12	0	0	64.2	60	23	45
								Cleveland	4-4	5.85	23	6	0	0	64.2	79	22	48
26	Bob Wickman	R	R	6-1	230	02/06/69	Green Bay, WI	Cleveland	5-0	2.39	70	0	0	32	67.2	61	14	66
27	Jaret Wright	R	R	6-2	230	12/29/75	Anaheim, CA	Akron (AA)	0-0	1.29	1	1	0	0	7.0	2	0	4
								Buffalo (AAA)	3-1	4.71	7	7	0	0	28.2	25	13	28
								Cleveland	2-2	6.52	7	7	0	0	29.0	36	22	18

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
2	Einar Diaz	R	R	5-10	185	12/28/72	Chiriqui, Panama	Cleveland	.277	134	437	54	121	34	1	4	56	1
45	Tim Laker	R	R	6-3	225	11/27/69	Encino, CA	Buffalo (AAA)	.247	86	320	45	79	13	0	20	57	2
								Cleveland	.182	16	33	5	6	0	0	1	5	0
	Victor Martinez	S	R	6-2	160	12/23/78	Ciudad Bolivar, VZ	Kinston (A)	.329	114	420	59	138	33	2	10	57	3
16	Eddie Taubensee	L	R	6-3	230	10/31/68	Beeville, TX	Buffalo (AAA)	.269	7	26	5	7	1	0	2	7	0
								Akron (AA)	.143	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
								Cleveland	.250	52	116	16	29	2	1	3	11	0

#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
6	Jolbert Cabrera	R	R	6-0	177	12/08/72	Cartagena, Colombia	Cleveland	.261	141	287	50	75	16	3	1	38	10
17	Travis Fryman	R	R	6-1	205	03/25/69	Lexington, KY	Akron (AA)	.360	6	25	3	9	2	0	1	3	0
								Buffalo (AAA)	.481	8	27	9	13	1	0	2	8	1
								Cleveland	.263	98	334	34	88	15	0	3	38	1
12	Ricky Gutierrez	R	R	6-1	190	05/23/70	Miami, FL	Chicago (NL)	.290	147	528	76	153	23	3	10	66	4
8	John McDonald	R	R	5-11	175	09/24/74	New London, CT	Buffalo (AAA)	.244	116	410	52	100	17	1	2	33	17
								Cleveland	.091	17	22	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
25	Jim Thome	L	R	6-4	240	08/27/70	Peoria, IL	Cleveland	.291	156	526	101	153	26	1	49	124	0
13	Omar Vizquel	S	R	5-9	185	04/24/67	Caracas, Venezuela	Cleveland	.255	155	611	84	156	26	8	2	50	13

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
9	Brady Anderson	L	L	6-1	202	01/18/64	Silver Spring, MD	Baltimore	.202	131	430	50	87	12	3	8	45	12
39	Milton Bradley	S	R	6-0	180	04/15/78	Harbor City, CA	Ottawa (AAA)	.272	35	136	21	37	7	2	2	13	14
								Montreal	.223	67	220	19	49	16	3	1	19	7
								Buffalo (AAA)	.254	30	114	18	29	3	0	5	15	9
								Cleveland	.222	10	18	3	4	1	0	0	0	1
33	Russell Branyan	L	R	6-3	195	12/19/75	Warner Robins, GA	Cleveland	.232	113	315	48	73	16	2	20	54	1
23	Ellis Burks	R	R	6-2	205	09/11/64	Vicksburg, MS	Cleveland	.280	124	439	83	123	29	1	28	74	5
30	Wil Cordero	R	R	6-2	210	10/03/71	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico	Cleveland	.250	89	268	30	67	11	1	4	21	0
	Alex Escobar	R	R	6-1	180	09/06/78	Valencia, Venezuela	Norfolk (AAA)	.267	111	397	55	106	21	4	12	52	18
								New York (NL)	.200	18	50	3	10	1	0	3	8	1
50	Karim Garcia	L	L	6-0	195	10/29/75	Ciudad Obregon, Mexico	Buffalo (AAA)	.264	125	462	73	122	16	4	31	85	4
								Cleveland	.311	20	45	8	14	3	0	5	9	0
	Matt Lawton	L	R	5-10	186	11/03/71	Gulfport, MS	Minnesota	.293	103	376	71	110	25	0	10	51	19
								New York (NL)	.246	48	183	24	45	11	1	3	13	10

Minnesota Twins

Selig may want to contract them, but Twins won't disappear from Central race.

Tom Kelly knew nothing of Major League Baseball's reported plan to eliminate the Minnesota Twins and another team when he stepped down as manager last October after 15 seasons. He merely was weary of being a teacher of young talent first and strategist second, thanks to ownership's reluctance to obtain veteran, high-priced players.

Kelly left the team in good shape from a surprising second-place division finish



Versatile young outfielder Torii Hunter led the Twins in home runs (27) and tied for second in the A.L. in outfield assists with 14.

of 85-77 after eight straight seasons below .500. "It's just been a fantastic ride for me," he said. "I just feel right now is a good time for me to step aside and let somebody else take over."

The timing might have been good for Kelly, who won World Series championships in 1987 and 1991, but the Twins' hands were tied in the off-season due to the possibility of contraction. They weren't able to name a successor to Kelly or make any moves at the winter meetings, although it was widely speculated that Kelly's third base coach, Ron Gardenhire, would be the new manager.

Owner Carl Pohlad, disappointed at the Twin Cities' reluctance to finance a new stadium, Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura's constant criticism and the country's economic plunge from the September 11 terrorist attacks, decided to put the club up for sale. "We could lose \$20 million a year," Pohlad said.

Still, the Twins seem to be in good enough shape to contend again thanks to one of the game's best young starting rotations, the power bats of **Corey Koskie** and **Torii Hunter**, and the budding double-play combination of **Cristian Guzman** and **Luis Rivas**.

Tough-minded trio

The rotation features a durable "Big Three"—**Joe Mays**, **Eric Milton** and **Brad Radke**—who together averaged 226 innings each last season. Mays, who had previously been able to beat only the Chicago White Sox (6-0) and Detroit Tigers (7-3), blossomed with a 17-13 record, 3.16 ERA and .235 opponents' batting average. His ERA was the lowest by a Twin since Kevin Tapani's 2.99 in 1991. The left-handed Milton (15-7, 4.32) led



Brad Radke always gave the Twins a chance to win when he took the mound last season, compiling 20 quality starts and allowing the fewest walks per nine innings (1.0) in the American League.

the team in strikeouts (157) and was eighth in league winning percentage (.682) despite allowing 35 home runs for the second straight year. Control artist Radke (15-11, 3.94) walked just 26 of 919 batters for a league-best average of one free pass every nine innings.

The Twins hope **Rick Reed** can bounce back from his disappointing 4-6, 5.19 with Minnesota after giving up productive outfielder **Matt Lawton** for him in a trade with the Mets.

The fifth spot in the rotation will be contested by Australian left-hander **Brad Thomas** (10-3, 1.96 at Double-A New Britain; 9.37 in five Minnesota starts); **Kyle Lohse**, a 1999 pickup from the Chicago Cubs (4-7, 5.68 in 90 Twins innings); **Matt Kinney** (6-11, 5.07 at Triple-A Edmonton); and **Adam Johnson**.

Eddie Guardado is poised to take over the closer's role from **LaTroy Hawkins**. Finishing 7-1, 3.51, the hard-to-hit lefty (.197 opponents' average) was 12-for-14 in save opportunities and passed **Rick Aguilera** for the most career appearances as a Twin with 505. Guardado had to battle back from midseason knee surgery to make his mark. Hawkins returns to long relief after a disappointing 1-5, 5.96 with 28 saves.

Other relievers include veteran right-handers **Bob Wells** (8-5, 5.11), **Jack Cressend** (3-2, 3.67), **Tony Fiore** (5.68) and **Grant Balfour** (13 saves, 1.08 ERA at Double-A), and lefties **Travis Miller**

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.272	4	RUNS	771	8	FIELDING	.982	5
TOTAL BASES	2410	9	HOME RUNS	164	9	ERA	4.51	7
SLUGGING	.433	8	STOLEN BASES	146	4	SAVES	45	5
ON-BASE %	.337	5	LEFT ON BASE	1102	4	OPP. BA	.268	7

Personnel File

DOUGLAS ANDREW MIENTKIEWICZ

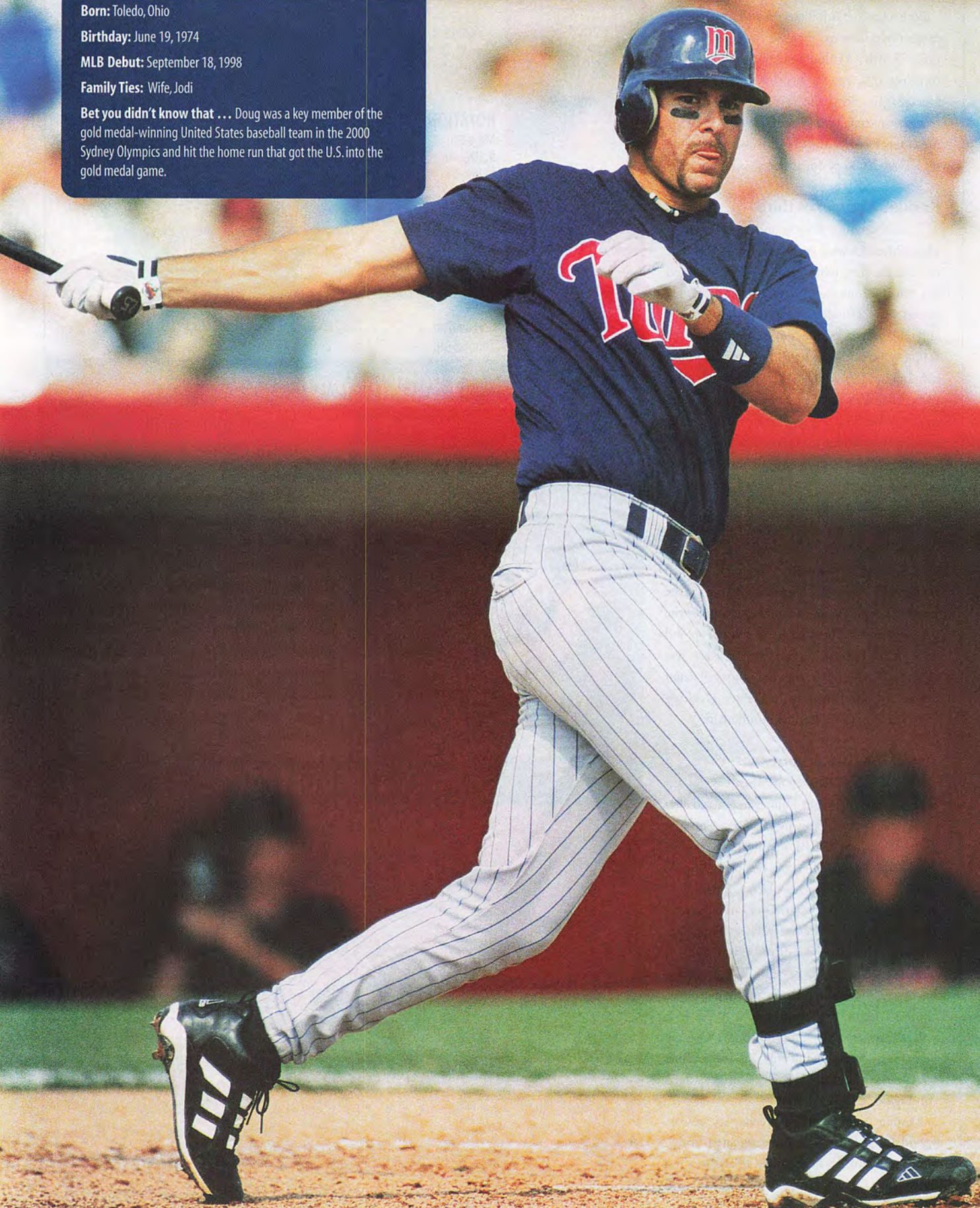
Born: Toledo, Ohio

Birthday: June 19, 1974

MLB Debut: September 18, 1998

Family Ties: Wife, Jodi

Bet you didn't know that . . . Doug was a key member of the gold medal-winning United States baseball team in the 2000 Sydney Olympics and hit the home run that got the U.S. into the gold medal game.



(1-4, 4.81) and J.C. Romero (1-4, 6.23 after 3.68 at Triple-A).

Back to catch is A.J. Pierzynski, who established career highs in every offensive category (.289, 7 HR, 55 RBI, 33 doubles). He was 21-for-65 throwing out base-stealers, but a .167 batting average against left-handers is a concern. Backing him up is veteran Tom Prince (.219, 7, 23). Ready for a longer look is Matt LeCroy, who is coming off a .328-20-80 performance at Edmonton.

Koskie's a comer at third

Third baseman Koskie and first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz anchor the infield. Koskie became the first Twin to reach 15 homers and drive in 100 runs since Gary Gaetti in 1987. He batted only .276 after previous seasons of .310 and .300, but he led the club in runs (100), RBI (103), walks and total bases, and was second in hits, homers (26), doubles (37) and stolen bases (27). Mientkiewicz seems ready to muscle-up, too, as a Kent Hrbek-type at first without the extra weight. A big factor for the gold-medal winning 2000 U.S. Olympic Team in Sydney, he hit .306 in Minnesota with 15 homers, 74 RBI and a Gold Glove.

The Twins missed exciting shortstop Guzman in midseason when he went out for a month with an inflamed right shoulder. Going .302 with 10 homers, 51 RBI and 25 steals, Guzman led the league in triples with 14 after recording 20 the previous season. Rivas could be solid at second base for the next 10 years. Only 22, Rivas was .266-7-47 with just 15 errors in his first full major league season. Dependable Denny Hocking (.251, 3, 25) is a solid infield utilityman.

Torrid Torii breaks out

The outfield was shaken up when Lawton was traded to the Mets, but Hunter responded after three up-and-down years by hitting a team-best 29 homers with 92 RBI, despite 125 strikeouts and a .261 average. Hunter is one of the league's top defensive outfielders, too. Jacque Jones might have to do better than .276-14-49 to salvage his job in left field. His defense will help. Power-hitting rookie Michael Cuddyer (30 Double-A homers) will get a shot at right field after coming up as a corner infielder. Brian Buchanan will also be a factor after posting .274-10-32 with only 197 at-bats. Veteran Quinton McCracken hit .338 at Edmonton, but only .219 in 24 games with the Twins. Bobby Kielty will get a look coming off .287 at Edmonton.

Despite a .234 batting average last season, David Ortiz has a lock on designated hitting after producing 18 homers and 48 RBI in just 303 at-bats. ■

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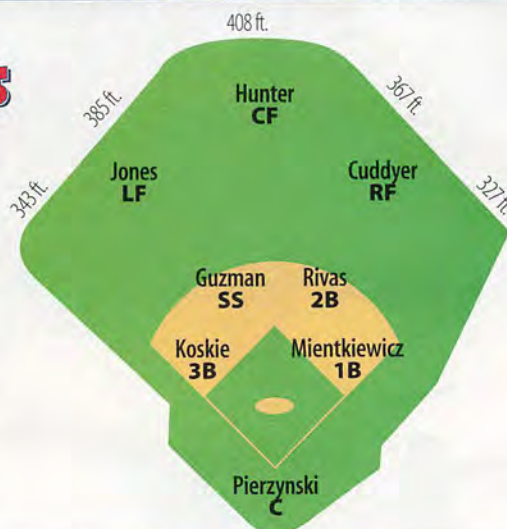


ROTATION

Mays (RH)
Radke (RH)
Milton (LH)
Reed (RH)
Lohse (RH)

BULLPEN

Guardado (RH)
Hawkins (RH)
Wells (RH)
Miller (LH)
Cressend (RH)
Thomas (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: MICHAEL CUDDYER



Wristy slugger should see starting role with '02 Twins

The former No. 1 draft pick finally lived up to his billing as the power-hitting prospect that scouts believed he would become. He has extremely quick wrists, and has added muscle and possesses better pitch recognition that now allows the baseball to jump off his bat. His .395 on-base percentage, .560 slugging percentage and 30 homers last season at Double-A New Britain were all career highs, and he possesses enough speed to be an asset. He displays good arm strength and range at third base, but the lack of soft hands and the presence of Corey Koskie may mean a move to the outfield. The Twins will give him significant playing time in 2002, likely in a 1B/3B/RF role.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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| 1. Michael Cuddyer, 3B/OF | 6. Brad Thomas, LHP |
| 2. Joe Mauer, C | 7. Bobby Kielty, OF |
| 3. Justin Morneau, 1B | 8. Matt Kinney, RHP |
| 4. Adam Johnson, RHP | 9. Rob Bowen, C |
| 5. Michael Restovich, OF | 10. Juan Rincon, RHP |

As the 2001 season showed, the Twins have some promise on the field, with plenty of contributions from young players and a healthy crop on the way. Cuddyer's offense came alive last season and he should get 500 at-bats, but they will come at different positions. Mauer, the top overall pick in the 2001 draft, could very well be one of the top prospects in the game, providing solid defense and offense as a catcher. Morneau has excellent power potential while showing patience at the plate, but is probably two years away.

Johnson loves to attack hitters with his slider and inside

fastball, and will do much better the second time around the majors. Restovich also has plus power and runs well for a big man. All he needs to do is tighten his strike zone. Thomas blitzed through Double-A, but nibbled too much with Minnesota. The finesse pitcher will open in Triple-A. Kielty is solid across the board and will get an opportunity to grab an outfield spot.

Kinney battled a sore shoulder and command problems, but still possesses a live arm and a stubborn demeanor. The switch-hitting Bowen may get lost behind Mauer, but his power and defense are developing well. Rincon throws hard (93 mph) for a 5-foot-11 pitcher, but will need to change speeds better to remain a starter.

Outfielder Dustin Mohr and 3B/1B Casey Blake can give the Twins some pop off the bench and solid defense. Minnesota's bullpen could take on a youthful look with a host of hard throwers in right-handers Grant Balfour, Kevin Frederick and Brent Stentz.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
19	Grant Balfour	R	R	6-2	175	12/30/77	Sydney, Australia	New Britain (AA)	2-1	1.08	35	0	0	13	50.0	26	22	72
								Edmonton (AAA)	2-2	5.51	11	0	0	0	16.1	18	10	17
								Minnesota	0-0	13.50	2	0	0	0	2.2	3	3	2
28	Jack Cressend	R	R	6-1	185	05/13/75	New Orleans, LA	Edmonton (AAA)	2-2	3.50	12	0	0	1	18.0	19	7	9
								Minnesota	3-2	3.67	44	0	0	0	56.1	50	16	40
53	Mike Duvall	R	L	6-0	200	10/11/74	Warrenton, VA	Edmonton (AAA)	2-2	4.45	55	0	0	3	62.2	73	21	63
								Minnesota	0-0	7.71	8	0	0	0	4.2	7	2	4
52	Tony Fiore	R	R	6-4	210	10/12/71	Oak Park, IL	Durham (AAA)	1-0	0.00	15	0	0	3	20.1	7	8	11
								Tampa Bay	0-0	5.40	3	0	0	0	3.1	4	1	3
								Edmonton (AAA)	5-0	3.68	32	6	0	1	80.2	85	25	58
								Minnesota	0-1	5.68	4	0	0	0	6.1	5	2	5
	Kevin Frederick	L	R	6-2	200	11/04/76	Evanston, IL	Ft. Myers (A)	2-0	1.00	9	0	0	1	18.0	9	3	19
								New Britain (AA)	6-2	1.63	44	0	0	7	82.2	56	28	109
18	Eddie Guardado	R	L	6-0	194	10/02/70	Stockton, CA	Minnesota	7-1	3.51	67	0	0	12	66.2	47	23	67
32	LaTroy Hawkins	R	R	6-5	204	12/21/72	Gary, IN	Minnesota	1-5	5.96	62	0	0	28	51.1	59	39	36
37	Adam Johnson	R	R	6-2	210	07/12/79	San Jose, CA	New Britain (AA)	5-6	3.82	18	18	0	0	113.0	105	39	110
								Edmonton (AAA)	1-1	5.70	4	4	0	0	23.2	19	10	25
								Minnesota	1-2	8.28	7	4	0	0	25.0	32	13	17
51	Matt Kinney	R	R	6-5	220	12/16/76	Bangor, ME	Edmonton (AAA)	6-11	5.07	29	29	2	0	161.2	178	74	146
49	Kyle Lohse	R	R	6-2	190	10/04/78	Chico, CA	New Britain (AA)	3-1	2.37	6	6	0	0	38.0	32	4	32
								Edmonton (AAA)	4-2	3.12	8	8	1	0	49.0	50	13	48
								Minnesota	4-7	5.68	19	16	0	0	90.1	102	29	64
25	Joe Mays	S	R	6-1	185	12/10/75	Flint, MI	Minnesota	17-13	3.16	34	34	4	0	233.2	205	64	123
20	Travis Miller	R	L	6-3	215	11/02/72	Dayton, OH	Minnesota	1-4	4.81	45	0	0	0	48.2	54	20	30
	Ryan Mills	R	L	6-5	200	07/21/77	Peoria, IL	New Britain (AA)	2-5	6.42	8	8	0	0	40.2	45	14	29
21	Eric Milton	L	L	6-3	220	08/04/75	State College, PA	Minnesota	15-7	4.32	35	34	2	0	220.2	222	61	157
22	Brad Radke	R	R	6-2	188	10/27/72	Eau Claire, WI	Minnesota	15-11	3.94	33	33	6	0	226.0	235	26	137
36	Rick Reed	R	R	6-1	195	08/16/65	Huntington, WV	New York (NL)	8-6	3.48	20	20	3	0	134.2	119	17	99
								Minnesota	4-6	5.19	12	12	0	0	67.2	92	14	43
39	Juan Rincon	R	R	5-11	187	01/23/79	Maracaibo, Venezuela	New Britain (AA)	14-6	2.88	29	23	2	0	153.1	130	57	133
								Minnesota	0-0	6.35	4	0	0	0	5.2	7	5	4
33	J.C. Romero	S	L	5-11	195	06/04/76	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Edmonton (AAA)	3-3	3.68	12	10	0	0	63.2	67	24	55
								Minnesota	1-4	6.23	14	11	0	0	65.0	71	24	39
57	Johan Santana	L	L	6-0	195	03/13/79	Tovar Merida, Venezuela	Minnesota	1-0	4.74	15	4	0	0	43.2	50	16	28
56	Brad Thomas	L	L	6-3	204	10/22/77	Sydney, Australia	New Britain (AA)	10-3	1.96	19	19	1	0	119.1	91	26	97
								Minnesota	0-2	9.37	5	5	0	0	16.1	20	14	6
46	Bob Wells	R	R	6-0	200	11/01/66	Yakima, WA	Minnesota	8-5	5.11	65	0	0	2	68.2	72	18	49
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
26	A.J. Pierzynski	L	R	6-3	220	12/30/76	Bridgehampton, NY	Minnesota	.289	114	381	51	110	33	2	7	55	1
12	Tom Prince	R	R	5-11	206	08/13/64	Kankakee, IL	Minnesota	.219	64	196	19	43	4	1	7	23	3
99	Javier Valentin	S	R	5-10	192	09/19/75	Manati, Puerto Rico	Edmonton (AAA)	.281	121	431	53	121	29	2	17	71	0
#	INFIELDBERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
1	Jay Canizaro	R	R	5-9	178	07/04/73	Beaumont, TX	Did Not Play										
15	Cristian Guzman	S	R	6-0	195	03/21/78	Santo Domingo, DR	GC-Twins (R)	.250	5	16	4	4	0	1	0	0	0
								Minnesota	.302	118	493	80	149	28	14	10	51	25
7	Denny Hocking	S	R	5-10	183	04/02/70	Torrance, CA	Minnesota	.251	112	327	34	82	16	2	3	25	6
47	Corey Koskie	L	R	6-3	217	06/28/73	Anola, Canada	Minnesota	.276	153	562	100	155	37	2	26	103	27
16	Doug Mientkiewicz	L	R	6-2	200	06/19/74	Toledo, OH	Minnesota	.306	151	543	77	166	39	1	15	74	2
2	Luis Rivas	R	R	5-11	175	08/30/79	La Guaira, Venezuela	Minnesota	.266	153	563	70	150	21	6	7	47	31
	Todd Sears	R	R	6-6	205	10/23/75	Des Moines, IA	Edmonton (AAA)	.311	118	408	61	127	25	2	13	50	2
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
30	Brian Buchanan	R	R	6-4	230	07/21/73	Miami, FL	Minnesota	.274	69	197	28	54	12	0	10	32	1
5	Michael Cuddyer	R	R	6-2	202	03/27/79	Norfolk, VA	New Britain (AA)	.301	141	509	95	153	36	3	30	87	5
								Minnesota	.222	8	18	1	4	2	0	0	1	1
48	Torii Hunter	R	R	6-2	205	07/18/75	Pine Bluff, AR	Minnesota	.261	148	564	82	147	32	5	27	92	9
11	Jacque Jones	L	L	5-10	176	04/25/75	San Diego, CA	Minnesota	.276	149	475	57	131	25	0	14	49	12
23	Bobby Kielty	S	R	6-1	215	08/05/76	Fontana, CA	Edmonton (AAA)	.287	94	341	58	98	25	2	12	50	5
								Minnesota	.250	37	104	8	26	8	0	2	14	3
24	Matt LeCroy	R	R	6-2	225	12/13/75	Belton, SC	Edmonton (AAA)	.328	101	396	53	130	17	0	20	80	0
								Minnesota	.425	15	40	6	17	5	0	3	12	0
17	Dustan Mohr	R	R	6-0	210	06/19/76	Hattiesburg, MS	New Britain (AA)	.336	135	518	90	174	41	3	24	91	9
								Minnesota	.235	20	51	6	12	2	0	0	4	1
27	David Ortiz	L	L	6-4	230	11/18/75	Santo Domingo, DR	GC-Twins (R)	.400	4	10	3	4	0	0	0	1	1
								Ft. Myers (A)	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								New Britain (AA)	.243	9	37	3	9	4	0	0	1	0
								Minnesota	.234	89	303	46	71	17	1	18	48	1
	Michael Restovich	R	R	6-4	233	01/03/79	Rochester, MN	New Britain (AA)	.269	140	501	69	135	33	4	23	84	15

Kansas City Royals

'Mayor Mike' will need 'Spin City' gang to turn this cast of Royal characters into a contender.

There are two mayors of Kansas City—the real one and the one who wears the Royals' uniform. He's Mike "The Mayor" Sweeney, and he's just about all the Royals have in the way of star power after trading away Jermaine Dye and Johnny Damon last season before finishing last in the division with a 65-97 record.

This team is in need of a transfusion, and Sweeney tried to inject it last August when he

earned a 10-game suspension for instigating a fight with Detroit pitcher Jeff Weaver. Sweeney gladly served it, perhaps to show his teammates he was mad and didn't want to take it anymore.

Tony Muser is in a delicate situation as manager of a franchise that hasn't been above .500 in seven years. Looking over his shoulder is former New York Yankee Bucky Dent, who was hired as Triple-A Omaha's manager to presumably be in place in case the Royals don't get off to a good start.

At just 28, Mike Sweeney already ranks among the Royals' all-time top 10 in five categories—batting average, RBI, doubles, home runs and runs.



Workhorse closer Roberto Hernandez, who has more saves than any pitcher born outside the U.S., has made 60-plus appearances in seven straight seasons.

Knoblauch provides leadoff boost

They might not. The pitchers were 11th in league earned-run average last season with a 4.87 mark. The hitters not only batted .266 for a 20-point drop from their 2000 season but were last in league on-base percentage at .318 after having drawn the fewest walks in the A.L. with 406. The eight leadoff hitters who were used last year combined for .234 with just 38 extra-base hits. Help is on the way at the top of the order, however, as the Royals signed Yankees free agent Chuck Knoblauch to take over that job and play left field. The 11-year veteran, who hit .250 with nine homers, 44 RBI and 38 stolen bases last season, inked a one-year, \$2 million contract.

Only one starting pitcher was in double-digit victories last year, and that was just 10 by Jeff Suppan (10-14, 4.37 ERA). Asking him to be the ace of a rotation that had a 52-75 record and 5.01 ERA might be a bit much. Next up is luckless Chad Durbin (9-16, 4.93), who endured a seven-game losing streak, with the Royals managing just 16 runs in eight consecutive starts of his. Left-hander Chris George boasted a 4-2 victory over Cleveland in his rookie season to finish 4-8, 5.59. Blake Stein (7-8, 4.74) performed slightly better as a reliever last year, but he figures to start this season. Dan Reichert (8-8, 5.63) had seven wins

after the All-Star break to lead the team. Kris Wilson (6-5, 5.19) has had three months to rest a tendinitis elbow. Mike MacDougal, who suffered a fractured skull October 4 when hit by a bat that went into the dugout, is a candidate coming off 8-8 at Omaha. Lefty Jeremy Affeldt was 10-6, 3.90 at Double-A Wichita.

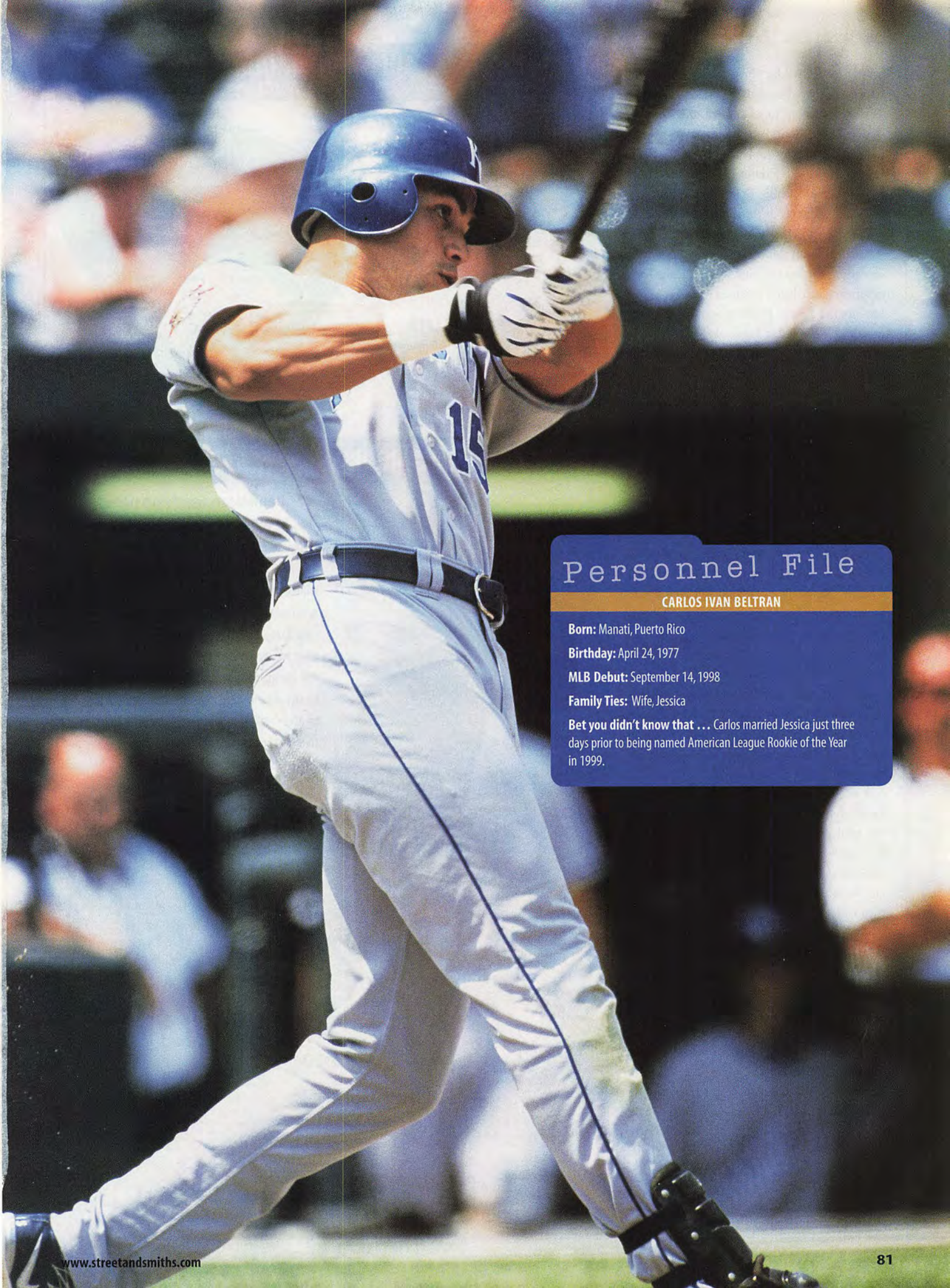
The Royals also signed right-hander Bryan Rekar (3-13, 5.89 with Tampa Bay) and left-hander Darrell May, who pitched in Japan the last four years. His ERA the last time he pitched in the major leagues was 6.31 with three clubs, but Muser says May "improved his game over there." The club is hoping Jose Rosado is healthy after enduring two shoulder surgeries. He hasn't pitched in almost two years.

Sleeper bullpen

The bullpen could be a strength if closer Roberto Hernandez (28 saves) is ready to step it up after a 4.12 ERA. Setting him up are Cory Bailey (1-1, 3.48) and Jason Grimsley (1-5, 3.02). Shawn Sonnier gets a look, coming off a 63 strikeouts in 71 innings at Omaha. Mac Suzuki, who had his moments with the Brewers but was

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.266	8	RUNS	729	10	FIELDING	.981	7
TOTAL BASES	2310	10	HOME RUNS	152	11	ERA	4.87	11
SLUGGING	.409	11	STOLEN BASES	100	10	SAVES	30	13
ON-BASE %	.318	14	LEFT ON BASE	1086	2	OPP. BA	.276	12



Personnel File

CARLOS IVAN BELTRAN

Born: Manati, Puerto Rico

Birthday: April 24, 1977

MLB Debut: September 14, 1998

Family Ties: Wife, Jessica

Bet you didn't know that ... Carlos married Jessica just three days prior to being named American League Rookie of the Year in 1999.

mostly ineffective for three teams last season, returns as a free agent. Left-handed candidate **Tony Cogan** went to winter ball to try to be a starter. **Doug Henry** was signed for two years despite allowing 14 homers and a 6.07 ERA. **Orber Moreno** is coming back from elbow reconstruction, while **Brad Voyles** had low ERAs at two levels in the minors (Class A and AA) and with Kansas City (3.86).

Catcher **Brent Mayne**, who has been with four teams the last five-plus seasons, brings back experience after being obtained from Colorado. He hit .331 for the Rockies, but only .241 for the Royals. He didn't homer last season while driving in 40 runs. His backups are **Hector Ortiz** (.247) and **A.J. Hinch**, who hit 10 homers in Omaha but batted only .157 in Kansas City.

First baseman **Sweeney**, whose production fell after the Weaver melee, hit .304 with 29 homers and 99 RBI (down from 144 RBI in 2000). He heads an infield that is waiting for phenom shortstop **Angel Berroa** to mature. Berroa, part of the three-team Damon trade, cut his errors from 54 to 30 at two stops in the minors while hitting .296 at Wichita and .302 (53 at-bats) with the Royals in his second full pro season. Until he's ready, shortstop belongs to **Neifi Perez**, who hit a punchless .241 after coming over from Colorado to replace traded **Rey Sanchez** in the three-team Dye trade.

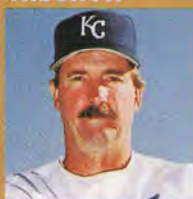
The team needs a turnaround from third baseman **Joe Randa**, who was only .253-13-83 after hitting .304 and .314 in his previous Kansas City seasons. A hamstring problem didn't help. There's no problem with Randa's defense.

The jury remains out on second baseman **Carlos Febles**. A ligament tear in his right knee last April 4 limited him to only 79 games and he hit .236-8-25. He has a lot to improve on from his 1999 rookie season of .257, 41 extra-base hits and 20 stolen bases. **Luis Alicea** (.274, 4, 32) is in reserve.

Beltin' Beltran

The outfield features **Carlos Beltran**, last season's team co-MVP with Suppan. His .306-24-101 performance in center field was a big improvement on the previous season's .247-7-44. The Royals are hopeful of a breakout season in right from **Mark Quinn** (.269, 17, 60). With **Knoblauch** taking over in left, promising **Raul Ibanez** (.280, 13, 54) will likely share designated-hitting duties with **Dave McCarty** (.250, 7, 26), while **Dee Brown** (.245, 7, 40) and offseason trade pickup **Michael Tucker** (.252, 12, 61 in 436 N.L. at bats) will fill in where needed in the outfield and at DH. ■

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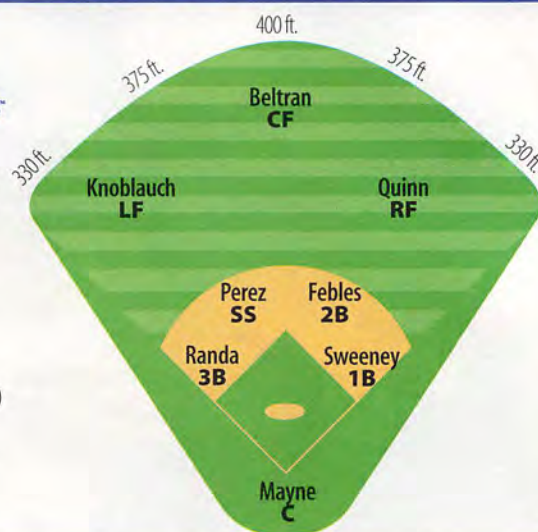


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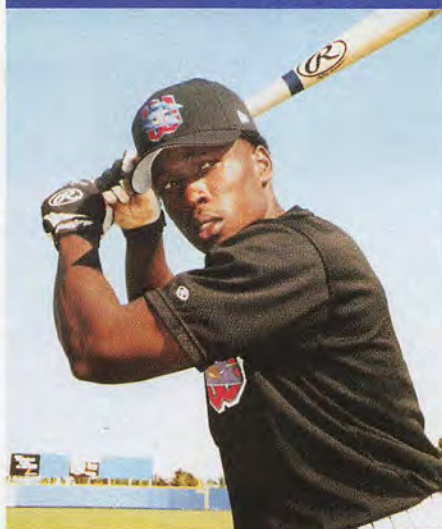
Suppan (RH)
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Stein (RH)
May (LH)

BULLPEN

Hernandez (RH)
Reichert (RH)
Grimsley (RH)
Bailey (RH)
Cogan (LH)
Henry (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: ANGEL BERROA



Dominican shortstop needs more discipline at plate

The Royals immediately strengthened an organizational shortage by acquiring the athletic Berroa in a trade with Oakland. He has the wiry strength that allows him to generate decent power and the outstanding speed to steal bases. His plate discipline (0.27 BB/K ratio) isn't what you would like to see, but he should be the type that can maintain a respectable batting average despite his lack of patience. His defensive tools are all in place, but he doesn't take the time to set his feet, resulting in errant throws to first base. He still needs to learn the game and, for that reason, it would be beneficial for him to remain in the minors for a half-season.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Angel Berroa, SS
2. Roscoe Crosby, OF
3. Jimmy Gobble, LHP
4. Jeff Austin, RHP
5. Mike MacDougal, RHP
6. Jeremy Affeldt, LHP
7. Ken Harvey, 1B
8. Orber Moreno, RHP
9. Kyle Snyder, RHP
10. Alexis Gomez, OF

The once-ripe Kansas City minor league system has been barren for a few years, but a 2001 draft that highlighted high-ceiling athletes and arms could bring the Royals back. Berroa will lead the next wave of offensive-minded shortstops, but needs to fine-tune his game first. Crosby, who started as a freshman at wide receiver on the Clemson football team last fall, was the best athlete available in the 2001 draft. He hasn't played professionally yet, but there isn't a tool that he doesn't have. Gobble improved his complementary pitches to go along with his tailing fastball, and is an underrated pitcher.

The move to relief allowed Austin to "air out" his pitches,

making him more effective. MacDougal struggled with his command, but when he's on his mid-90s fastball and curve are lethal. Affeldt has command of four pitches, and his improvement was based on his willingness to pitch inside. Harvey was a born hitter and could DH some for the Royals in 2002. He doesn't possess any other outstanding skill.

Moreno has returned from elbow surgery and is ready to wreak havoc with his plus slider and 95 mph fastball. He could be the successor to Roberto Hernandez. Snyder, finally back from elbow surgery, has a legitimate power arm and mound presence. Gomez has exceptional speed and an emerging bat.

Outfielder-first baseman Brandon Berger and 1B/3B Kit Pellow can't be exposed too much, so they could earn pinch-hitting roles. Mike Tonis could end the season as the starting catcher, provided his knee is sound. Kansas City has three right-handers (Brad Voyles, Shawn Sonnier and Kiko Calero) who could earn setup roles. Rule 5 pick Miguel Ascencio, a right-hander, will see limited work in middle relief.

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	Jeremy Affeldt	L	L	6-4	185	06/06/79	Phoenix, AZ	Wichita (AA)	10-6	3.90	25	25	0	0	145.1	153	46	128
	Miguel Ascencio	R	R	6-2	160	09/29/80	Villa Mella, DR	Clearwater (A)	12-5	2.84	28	21	2	0	155.1	124	70	123
26	Jeff Austin	R	R	6-0	185	10/19/76	San Bernardino, CA	Omaha (AAA)	3-7	6.88	28	8	0	2	70.2	89	27	55
								Kansas City	0-0	5.54	21	0	0	0	26.0	27	14	27
58	Cory Bailey	R	R	6-1	200	01/24/71	Herrin, IL	Omaha (AAA)	1-0	0.00	5	0	0	1	10.0	2	5	7
								Kansas City	1-1	3.48	53	0	0	0	67.1	57	33	61
55	Tony Cogan	L	L	6-2	195	12/21/76	Chicago, IL	Wichita (AA)	1-1	2.08	8	0	0	1	17.1	13	4	12
								Omaha (AAA)	1-1	2.79	9	0	0	2	9.2	14	3	8
								Kansas City	0-4	5.84	39	0	0	0	24.2	32	13	17
33	Chad Durbin	R	R	6-2	200	12/03/77	Spring Valley, IL	Omaha (AAA)	2-2	3.33	5	5	0	0	27.0	22	6	35
								Kansas City	9-16	4.93	29	29	2	0	179.0	201	58	95
	Nate Field	R	R	6-2	185	12/11/75	Denver, CO	Wichita (AA)	4-2	1.48	52	0	0	19	73.0	61	18	67
53	Chris George	L	L	6-1	165	09/16/79	Houston, TX	Omaha (AAA)	11-3	3.53	20	20	0	0	117.1	103	51	84
								Kansas City	4-8	5.59	13	13	1	0	74.0	83	18	32
38	Jason Grimsley	R	R	6-3	205	08/07/67	Cleveland, TX	Kansas City	1-5	3.02	73	0	0	0	80.1	71	28	61
19	Doug Henry	R	R	6-4	205	12/10/63	Sacramento, CA	Kansas City	2-2	6.07	53	0	0	0	75.2	75	45	57
39	Roberto Hernandez	R	R	6-4	250	11/11/64	Santurce, Puerto Rico	Kansas City	5-6	4.12	63	0	0	28	67.2	69	26	46
54	Mike MacDougal	S	R	6-4	195	03/05/77	Las Vegas, NV	Omaha (AAA)	8-8	4.68	28	27	1	0	144.1	144	76	110
								Kansas City	1-1	4.70	3	3	0	0	15.1	18	4	7
22	Darrell May	L	L	6-2	184	06/13/72	San Bernardino, CA	Did Not Play										
43	Orber Moreno	R	R	6-3	200	04/27/77	Caracas, Venezuela	Wilmington (A)	1-1	2.53	8	1	0	0	10.2	12	1	16
								Wichita (AA)	0-0	0.00	5	0	0	1	8.2	3	2	10
								Omaha (AAA)	1-1	4.71	17	0	0	3	21.0	19	8	25
41	Dan Reichert	R	R	6-3	175	07/12/76	Monterey, CA	Omaha (AAA)	1-5	8.27	10	5	1	0	32.2	45	16	30
								Kansas City	8-8	5.63	27	19	0	0	123.0	131	67	77
50	Jose Rosado	L	L	6-0	185	11/09/74	Jersey City, NJ	Did Not Play										
	Kyle Snyder	R	R	6-8	220	09/09/77	Houston, TX	Did Not Play										
72	Shawn Sommer	R	R	6-5	210	07/05/76	Rayne, LA	Omaha (AAA)	5-5	4.82	47	2	0	6	71.0	69	33	63
34	Blake Stein	R	R	6-7	240	08/03/73	McComb, MS	Kansas City	7-8	4.74	36	15	0	1	131.0	112	79	113
37	Jeff Suppan	R	R	6-2	210	01/02/75	Oklahoma City, OK	Kansas City	10-14	4.37	34	34	1	0	218.1	227	74	120
46	Brad Voyles	R	R	6-1	195	12/30/76	Green Bay, WI	Myrtle Beach (A)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	1	1.2	0	1	3
								Greenville (AA)	0-0	1.08	15	0	0	6	16.2	11	10	25
								Wichita (AA)	1-0	0.00	11	0	0	4	15.1	8	10	19
								Kansas City	0-0	3.86	7	0	0	0	9.1	5	8	6
51	Kris Wilson	R	R	6-4	225	08/06/76	Washington, DC	Omaha (AAA)	2-2	2.79	6	5	0	0	29.0	31	6	18
								Kansas City	6-5	5.19	29	15	0	1	109.1	132	32	67
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
2	Brent Mayne	L	R	6-1	191	04/19/68	Loma Linda, CA	Colorado	.331	49	160	15	53	7	0	0	20	0
								Kansas City	.241	51	166	13	40	4	1	2	20	1
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
12	Luis Alicea	S	R	5-9	176	07/29/65	Santurce, Puerto Rico	Kansas City	.274	113	387	44	106	16	4	4	32	8
4	Angel Berroa	R	R	5-11	175	01/27/80	Santo Domingo, DR	Wilmington (A)	.317	51	199	43	63	18	4	6	25	10
								Wichita (AA)	.296	80	304	63	90	20	4	8	42	15
								Kansas City	.302	15	53	8	16	2	0	0	4	2
3	Carlos Febles	R	R	5-11	185	05/24/76	El Seybo, DR	Omaha (AAA)	.337	25	98	23	33	7	1	2	9	6
								Kansas City	.236	79	292	45	69	9	2	8	25	5
28	Ken Harvey	R	R	6-2	240	03/01/78	Los Angeles, CA	Wilmington (A)	.380	35	137	22	52	9	1	6	27	3
								Wichita (AA)	.338	79	314	54	106	20	3	9	63	3
								Kansas City	.250	4	12	1	3	1	0	0	2	0
6	Dave McCarty	R	L	6-5	215	11/23/69	Houston, TX	Kansas City	.250	98	200	26	50	10	0	7	26	0
17	Neifi Perez	S	R	6-0	177	06/02/75	Villa Mella, DR	Colorado	.298	87	382	65	114	19	8	7	47	6
								Kansas City	.241	49	199	18	48	7	1	1	12	3
16	Joe Randa	R	R	5-11	190	12/18/69	Milwaukee, WI	Kansas City	.253	151	581	59	147	34	2	13	83	3
29	Mike Sweeney	R	R	6-3	225	07/22/73	Orange, CA	Kansas City	.304	147	559	97	170	46	0	29	99	10
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
15	Carlos Beltran	S	R	6-1	190	04/24/77	Manati, Puerto Rico	Kansas City	.306	155	617	106	189	32	12	24	101	31
30	Brandon Berger	R	R	5-11	200	02/21/75	Covington, KY	Wichita (AA)	.308	120	454	98	140	28	3	40	118	14
								Kansas City	.313	6	16	4	5	1	1	2	2	0
27	Dee Brown	L	R	6-0	215	03/27/78	Bronx, NY	Omaha (AAA)	.297	10	37	5	11	0	0	2	6	0
								Kansas City	.245	106	380	39	93	19	0	7	40	5
	Alexis Gomez	L	L	6-2	160	08/06/80	Loma de Cabrera, DR	Wilmington (A)	.302	48	169	29	51	8	2	1	9	7
								Wichita (AA)	.281	83	342	55	96	15	6	4	34	16
18	Raul Ibanez	L	R	6-2	200	06/02/72	Manhattan, NY	Omaha (AAA)	.148	8	27	3	4	1	0	2	5	0
								Kansas City	.280	104	279	44	78	11	5	13	54	0
11	Chuck Knoblauch	R	R	5-9	175	07/07/68	Houston, TX	New York (AL)	.250	137	521	66	130	20	3	9	44	38
14	Mark Quinn	R	R	6-1	195	05/21/74	La Miranda, CA	Omaha (AAA)	.186	11	43	4	8	1	0	2	3	0
								Kansas City	.269	118	453	57	122	31	2	17	60	9
24	Michael Tucker	L	R	6-2	185	06/25/71	South Boston, VA	Cincinnati	.242	86	231	31	56	10	1	7	30	12
								Chicago (NL)	.263	63	205	31	54	9	7	5	31	4

Detroit Tigers

Free from Marlins, Dombrowski has purse strings to pull but plenty of holes to fill as new Tigers president.

The newest Detroit Tiger doesn't play, but he could have the biggest impact. Dave Dombrowski, handcuffed as president of the Florida Marlins by a low payroll, was hired by Tigers owner Mike Ilitch for the same job heading up Detroit's baseball operations.

Dombrowski does not go into detail, but it's assumed he will use this season to evaluate everyone from General Manager Randy Smith and manager Phil Garner to the lowest minor league affiliate.

The move eliminated Ilitch's well-intentioned but meaningless "baseball committee" of himself, Smith, Garner and former Tiger greats Al Kaline and Willie Horton. Apparently meeting just once, the group could not prevent a 66-96 record that was good for fourth in the Central Division, 25 games behind first-place Cleveland.

Smith and Garner have much to prove to Dombrowski. Smith's many trades have not produced a division championship, and Garner has finished above .500 only once in 10 years with Milwaukee and Detroit (in 1992 with the Brewers).

'Young' blood

Smith bolstered a disappointing outfield by gaining career .297 hitter **Dmitri Young** from Cincinnati, where he had 21 homers last season, for uninspired outfielder Juan Encarnacion and reliever Luis Pineda.

Some good came out of Detroit's 2001 season. The Tigers gave 11 players their major league baptisms. **Brandon Inge** was their first rookie catcher to start a season opener since 1950. Pitcher **Victor Santos** had a stretch of 27 straight innings without an earned run. Pitcher **Nate Cornejo** was brilliant in the minor leagues before a late-season call-up. And third baseman

Jarrod Patterson, who might not open the season in Detroit, has the memory of a home run off Arizona's Curt Schilling to inspire him.

There wasn't much inspirational about the 2001 Tigers, however. The starting pitchers had a league-best 16 complete games, but the staff was 13th in earned-run average (5.01). The hitters were 12th in batting (.260) and 11th in runs. The defense was 13th, and the catchers, trying to snare **Steve Sparks'** knuckleballs, were worst in passed balls with 30.

Sparks fly with one-two punch

Sparks and **Jeff Weaver**, 11 years apart in age, formed a formidable one-two punch on the mound, with a total of 461 innings. Sparks, 36, was named Tiger of the Year after producing eight complete games (all wins), a 14-9 record and a career-best 3.65 ERA. Like Sparks, who had 232 innings, Weaver was an innings-eater, pitching 229 while going 13-16 and 4.08. He was Tigers' Pitcher of the Month for May and July. The third spot is open for **Brian Moehler**, but he'll have to earn it after pitching just one game in 2001. He had surgery on his right shoulder July 4 for tears in his rotator cuff and labrum. The imposing **Cornejo** (6-foot-5, 200 pounds) looks like he's ready to step in after impressing last year with a combined 16-3 record at two minor league stops with ERAs of 2.68 (Double-A) and 2.12 (Triple-A) before tiring with the Tigers (4-4, 7.38 ERA).

Detroit fans are rooting for effervescent **Jose Lima** to succeed, but he'll have to do better than 6-12, 5.40 and 35 home runs allowed with Detroit and Houston last season. **Mark Redman** is another starting candidate. Acquired from Minnesota for closer **Todd Jones**, Redman was 2-6, yielding to arthroscopic surgery on his left

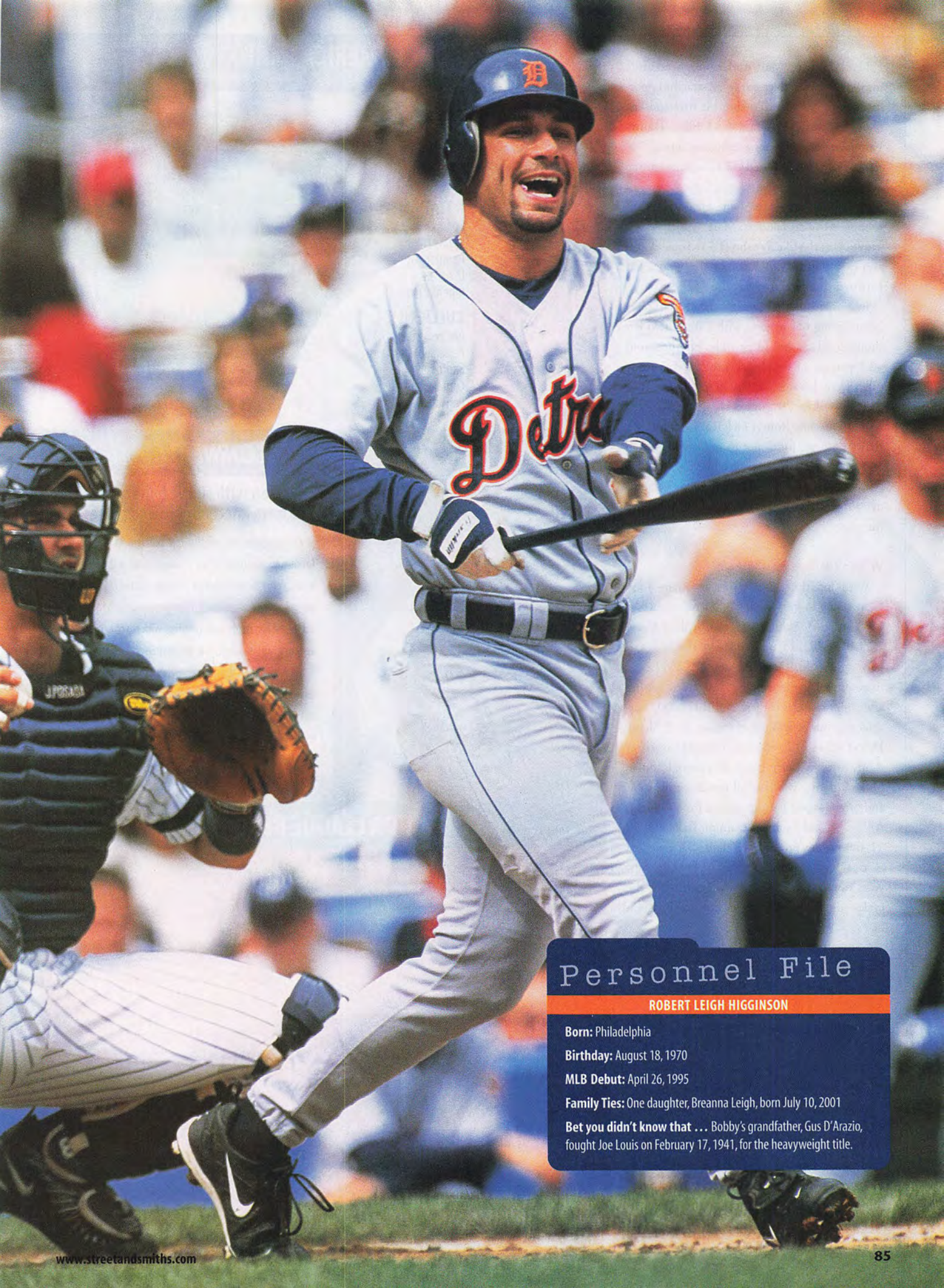


Knuckleballer Steve Sparks (top) and fireballer Jeff Weaver formed a one-two punch that ate up lots of innings last season (461) and completed 13 games, eight by Sparks.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.260	12	RUNS	724	11	FIELDING	.979	13
TOTAL BASES	2267	11	HOME RUNS	139	12	ERA	5.01	13
SLUGGING	.409	10	STOLEN BASES	133	5	SAVES	34	11
ON-BASE %	.320	11	LEFT ON BASE	1093	3	OPP. BA	.289	13

knee in September. Other starting possibilities are Santos, **Shane Loux** (10 wins at Triple-A), **Adam Bernero** and left-hander **Adam Pettyjohn**.



Personnel File

ROBERT LEIGH HIGGINSON

Born: Philadelphia

Birthday: August 18, 1970

MLB Debut: April 26, 1995

Family Ties: One daughter, Breanna Leigh, born July 10, 2001

Bet you didn't know that ... Bobby's grandfather, Gus D'Arazio, fought Joe Louis on February 17, 1941, for the heavyweight title.

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Hard-throwing **Matt Anderson** moved easily into Jones' closer role, saving 22 straight opportunities in between blowing his first and last ones. He was 3-1 with a 4.82 ERA. **Danny Patterson** was reliable as a setup man, going 5-4, 3.06. The trade of Pineda to Cincinnati in the Young package opens up a relief spot for one of the potential starters or **Shane Heams** (2.15 at Double-A). Left-handers **Matt Miller** (2.87, Triple-A) and **Mike Perisho** (1.71, Triple-A) are also in the mix, with Rule 5 right-hander **Jeff Farnsworth** a potential surprise.

Inge sparked at times behind the plate before going out in June with a dislocated left shoulder after a head-first slide. He threw out 42.3 percent of base-stealers, but wasn't ready offensively, hitting .180 with no home runs and 15 RBI in 79 games. He could be given more time while **Robert Fick** (.272, 19 HR, 61 RBI) competes for a spot in right field. **Mitch Meluskey**, known more for his bat than his glove, missed last year with arthroscopic shoulder surgery and is another possibility behind the plate.

Who's on first?

With longtime Tigers first baseman **Tony Clark** going to the Red Sox in the offseason, the Tigers signed Young and ex-Cardinal **Craig Paquette** (.282, 15, 64) to help fill that hole and play right field. **Dean Palmer** (.222, 11, 40) may also play there or be designated hitting after July shoulder surgery ended his 2001 season early, but he still wants to play third. **Shane Halter** (.284, 12, 65) will probably open at short, with a push from 20-year-old rookie **Omar Infante**, who has all the defensive tools and brings a .302 batting average from Double-A Erie. Second baseman **Damon Easley** (.250, 11, 65) saw his production fall dramatically to a .376 slugging percentage after four straight years over .415. He did, however, hit for the cycle—the first time for a Tiger since **Ty Cobb** in 1925.

Garner might open at first base with **Eric Munson**, the organization's co-Minor League Player of the Year who had 26 homers and 102 RBI at Erie. **Fick** and **Randall Simon** (.305, 6, 37) are capable of playing first base, too.

Young (.302, 21, 69 with the Reds) comes in to help the offense, which suffered drop-offs last year when Encarnacion hit just .242 and left fielder **Bobby Higginson** went from hitting .300 with 30 homers and 102 RBI in 2000 to .277-17-71. The battle for the center field spot will be among **Jose Macias** (.268, 8, 51), good-fielding **Wendell Magee** (.213) and **Andres Torres**. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



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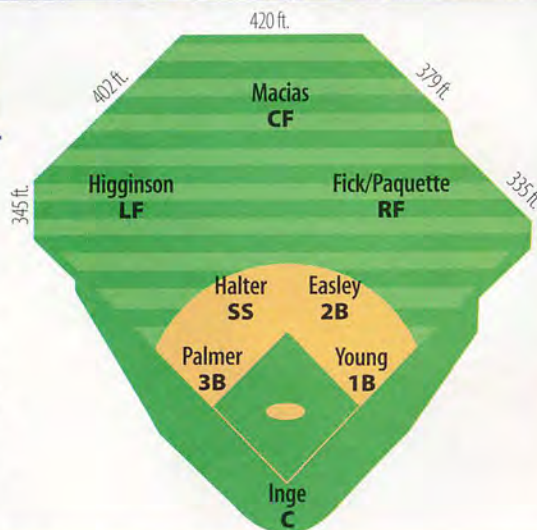


ROTATION

Sparks (RH)
Weaver (RH)
Redman (LH)
Lima (RH)
Moehler (RH)

BULLPEN

Anderson (RH)
Patterson (RH)
Santos (RH)
Cornejo (RH)
Perisho (LH)
Miller (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: NATE CORNEJO



Kansan with slurve bounces back from knee surgeries to shine

Cornejo was one of the top pitchers in the Eastern League, winning 12 of his 19 starts with a 2.68 ERA. He works very efficiently with a 92-mph sinking fastball and is one of the few pitchers who can get away with throwing a slurve. He has made mild progress with his change-up and very rarely places a pitch in the middle of the plate. He was a highly regarded prospect coming out of high school until bilateral knee surgeries suppressed his draft status. He did not show the same confidence or command in his 10 starts in Detroit and, because of that, he likely needs to spend a couple of months in Triple-A to restore his confidence and perfect the way he attacks hitters.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Ramon Santiago, SS
2. Eric Munson, TB
3. Nate Cornejo, RHP
4. Kenny Baugh, RHP
5. Matt Wheatland, RHP
6. Michael Woods, 2B
7. Andy Van Hekken, LHP
8. Omar Infante, SS
9. Andres Torres, OF
10. Mike Rivera, C

The Tigers have been headed in the wrong direction after putting a plan in place to be competitive when Comerica Park opened, but new team President Dave Dombrowski should put an end to the slide.

Santiago, who had to DH all of last season because of off-season shoulder surgery, is an outstanding fielder with exceptional speed. Munson finally made some returns on Detroit's investment, showing better plate discipline (0.60 BB/K ratio) and increased power (26 HR/.482 slugging), and will compete for first base.

Cornejo tore through Double-A with a deadly sinker and

slurve, but lost command of the strike zone in his 10 starts with Detroit. Baugh, Detroit's top pick in 2001, made it all the way to Double-A last season, dominating from the onset with a 94-mph fastball. Wheatland has tremendous upside, but missed most of the year with shoulder soreness and finger numbness. Woods, a supplemental first-round pick, is a fundamentally sound player who can make contact, run and field his position.

Van Hekken, who doesn't throw hard, has sharp command and keeps hitters off-balance. Infante plays solid defense and can hit for average, but needs to get stronger. Torres, one of the fastest players in the minors, improved his on-base percentage but tore his labrum, missing the final two months. Rivera improved his power output (33 HR/.578 slugging) last season, but isn't much of a defender, making him a likely backup.

Right-handed relievers Fernando Rodney, Jeff Farnsworth and Kris Keller have dynamic fastballs and could nail down bullpen jobs.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Juan Acevedo	R	R	6-2	228	05/05/70	Juarez, Mexico	Col-Fla	2-5	4.18	59	0	0	0	60.1	68	35	47
14	Matt Anderson	R	R	6-4	200	08/17/76	Louisville, KY	Detroit	3-1	4.82	62	0	0	22	56.0	56	18	52
26	Adam Bernero	R	R	6-4	205	11/28/76	Los Gatos, CA	Toledo (AAA)	6-11	5.13	26	25	1	0	140.1	172	54	99
								Detroit	0-0	7.30	5	0	0	0	12.1	13	4	8
24	Nate Cornejo	R	R	6-5	200	09/24/79	Wellington, KS	Erie (AA)	12-3	2.68	19	19	3	0	124.1	107	41	105
								Toledo (AAA)	4-0	2.12	4	4	0	0	29.2	24	7	22
								Detroit	4-4	7.38	10	10	0	0	42.2	63	28	22
	Jeff Farnsworth	R	R	6-2	190	10/06/75	Wichita, KS	San Antonio (AA)	11-10	4.35	27	27	0	0	155.1	182	47	113
50	Seth Greisinger	R	R	6-3	200	07/29/75	Kansas City, KS	Did Not Play										
66	Shane Hearn	R	R	6-1	175	09/29/75	Toledo, OH	Erie (AA)	5-3	2.15	36	0	0	0	54.1	22	37	57
								Toledo (AAA)	1-2	9.00	14	0	0	0	18.0	20	27	21
	Tim Kalita	R	L	6-2	220	11/21/78	Evanston, IL	Erie (AA)	15-9	3.83	30	29	5	0	200.0	190	49	147
64	Kris Keller	R	R	6-2	225	03/01/78	Williamsport, PA	Toledo (AAA)	5-2	4.48	52	0	0	4	68.1	64	38	60
42	Jose Lima	R	R	6-2	205	09/30/72	Santiago, DR	Houston	1-2	7.30	14	9	0	0	53.0	77	16	41
								Detroit	5-10	4.71	18	18	2	0	112.2	120	22	43
	Shane Loux	R	R	6-2	205	08/31/79	Rapid City, SD	Toledo (AAA)	10-11	5.78	28	27	2	0	151.0	203	73	72
	Mike Maroth	L	L	6-0	180	08/17/77	Orlando, FL	Toledo (AAA)	7-10	4.65	24	23	0	0	131.2	158	50	63
58	Matt Miller	L	L	6-3	175	08/02/74	Lubbock, TX	Toledo (AAA)	1-2	2.87	50	0	0	4	62.2	60	18	49
								Detroit	0-0	7.45	13	0	0	0	9.2	16	4	6
38	Brian Moehler	R	R	6-3	235	12/31/71	Rockingham, NC	Toledo (AAA)	0-2	4.35	2	2	0	0	10.1	12	2	6
								Detroit	0-0	3.38	1	1	0	0	8.0	6	1	2
28	Danny Patterson	R	R	6-0	185	02/17/71	San Gabriel, CA	Detroit	5-4	3.06	60	0	0	1	64.2	64	12	27
40	Matt Perisho	L	L	6-0	205	06/08/75	Burlington, IA	Toledo (AAA)	2-3	1.71	25	2	0	9	42.0	42	11	28
								Detroit	2-3	5.72	30	4	0	0	39.1	54	14	19
57	Adam Pettyjohn	R	L	6-3	190	06/11/77	Phoenix, AZ	Toledo (AAA)	5-8	3.44	17	17	0	0	107.1	107	26	78
								Detroit	1-6	5.82	16	9	0	0	65.0	81	21	40
55	Mark Redman	L	L	6-5	220	01/05/74	San Diego, CA	Edmonton (AAA)	0-0	13.50	1	1	0	0	1.1	3	1	0
								Minnesota	2-4	4.22	9	9	0	0	49.0	57	19	29
								Toledo (AAA)	0-1	5.27	3	3	0	0	13.2	14	1	12
								Detroit	0-2	6.00	2	2	0	0	9.0	11	4	4
	Fernando Rodney	R	R	5-11	170	03/17/81	Samana, DR	Gctigers (R)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	0	1	1
								Lakeland (A)	4-2	3.42	16	9	0	0	55.1	53	19	44
								Erie (AA)	0-0	4.26	4	0	0	1	6.1	7	3	8
22	Victor Santos	R	R	6-3	175	10/02/76	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Toledo (AAA)	2-1	6.37	6	6	0	0	35.1	50	12	22
								Detroit	2-2	3.30	33	7	0	0	76.1	62	49	52
37	Steve W. Sparks	R	R	6-0	180	07/02/65	Tulsa, OK	Detroit	14-9	3.65	35	33	8	0	232.0	244	64	116
	Joe Valentine	R	R	6-2	195	12/24/79	Las Vegas, NV	Kannapolis (A)	2-2	2.93	30	0	0	14	30.2	21	10	33
								Winston-Salem (A)	5-1	1.01	27	0	0	8	44.2	18	27	50
	Andy Van Hekken	R	L	6-3	175	07/31/79	Holland, MI	Lakeland (A)	10-4	3.17	19	19	2	0	110.2	105	33	82
								Erie (AA)	5-0	4.69	8	8	0	0	48.0	63	8	29
36	Jeff Weaver	R	R	6-5	200	08/22/76	Northridge, CA	Detroit	13-16	4.08	33	33	5	0	229.1	235	68	152
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
15	Javier Cardona	R	R	6-1	185	09/15/75	Santurce, Puerto Rico	Toledo (AAA)	.235	26	98	7	23	2	0	1	10	1
								Detroit	.260	46	96	10	25	8	0	1	10	0
25	Robert Fick	L	R	6-1	189	03/15/74	Torrance, CA	Detroit	.272	124	401	62	109	21	2	19	61	0
12	Brandon Inge	R	R	5-11	185	05/19/77	Lynchburg, VA	GC-Tigers (R)	.100	3	10	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
								W. Michigan (A)	.188	4	16	3	3	1	0	0	2	0
								Toledo (AAA)	.289	27	90	11	26	11	1	2	15	1
								Detroit	.180	79	189	13	34	11	0	0	15	1
21	Mitch Meluskey	S	R	6-0	185	09/18/73	Yakima, WA	Did Not Play										
49	Mike Rivera	R	R	6-0	190	09/08/76	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Erie (AA)	.289	112	415	76	120	19	1	33	101	2
								Detroit	.333	4	12	2	4	2	0	0	1	0
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
9	Damon Easley	R	R	5-11	185	11/11/69	New York, NY	Detroit	.250	154	585	77	146	27	7	11	65	10
17	Shane Halter	R	R	6-0	180	11/08/69	LaPlata, MD	Detroit	.284	136	450	53	128	32	7	12	65	3
39	Jose Macias	S	R	5-10	173	01/25/74	Panama City, Panama	Detroit	.268	137	488	62	131	24	6	8	51	21
50	Eric Munson	L	R	6-3	220	10/03/77	San Diego, CA	Erie (AA)	.260	142	519	88	135	35	1	26	102	0
								Detroit	.152	17	66	4	10	3	1	1	6	0
7	Dean Palmer	R	R	6-1	210	12/27/68	Tallahassee, FL	Toledo (AAA)	.500	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Detroit	.222	57	216	34	48	11	0	11	40	4
35	Randall Simon	L	L	6-0	180	05/26/75	Willemstad, Curacao	Toledo (AAA)	.338	59	222	27	75	13	0	10	31	0
								Detroit	.305	81	256	28	78	14	2	6	37	0
	Dmitri Young	S	R	6-2	235	10/11/73	Vicksburg, MS	Cincinnati	.302	142	540	68	163	28	3	21	69	8
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
43	Endy Chavez	L	L	6-0	165	02/07/78	Valencia, Venezuela	Wichita (AA)	.298	43	168	27	50	6	1	1	13	11
								Omaha (AAA)	.337	23	104	18	35	6	0	0	4	4
								Kansas City	.208	29	77	4	16	2	0	0	5	0
	Jacob Cruz	L	L	6-0	179	01/28/73	Oxnard, CA	Colorado	.211	44	76	7	16	1	0	1	7	0
4	Bobby Higginson	L	R	5-11	195	08/18/70	Philadelphia, PA	Detroit	.277	147	541	84	150	28	6	17	71	20
29	Wendell Magee	R	R	6-0	220	08/03/72	Hattiesburg, MS	Toledo (AAA)	.444	2	9	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
								Detroit	.213	90	207	26	44	11	4	5	17	3
	Craig Paquette	R	R	6-0	190	03/28/69	Long Beach, CA	St. Louis	.282	123	340	47	96	17	0	15	64	3
	Andres Torres	S	R	5-11	180	01/26/78	Aguada, PR	Erie (AA)	.294	64	252	54	74	16	3	1	23	19
43	Chris Wakeland	L	L	6-0	185	06/15/74	Huntington Beach, CA	Toledo (AAA)	.283	140	547	85	155	33	3	23	84	7
								Detroit	.250	10	36	5	9	2	0	2	6	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST



Heavyweight GMs will ensure that baseball gods continue to bless West—especially Pacific Northwest.

By Pete Williams, USA Today Baseball Weekly

Players often talk about the “baseball gods,” a cosmic jury that doles out punishments and rewards based on conduct, work ethic and respect for the game. It’s difficult to watch the American League West and not come away believing in such diamond karma.

Exhibit A: Alex Rodriguez shuns the Seattle Mariners for \$252 million from the Rangers. Texas again finishes in the cellar while the Mariners, sparked by players acquired with the money offered Rodriguez, win a league-record 116 games.

Exhibit B: The Oakland A’s, despite a limited budget, show an old-school appreciation for the game, never taking themselves too seriously. The tireless general manger pulls off one shrewd trade after another and the club overcomes a wretched start to make the playoffs for the second straight season.

Exhibit C: Disney continues to run the Angels like its other businesses, firmly adhering to the bottom line and sucking the life out of the franchise. Baseball’s most snake-bitten team continues to underachieve and endures another rash of bizarre injuries.

Exhibit D: Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks starts taking advice from agent Scott Boras, a man whom some owners liken to the devil himself. Despite a brilliant season by Rodriguez, the team remains in the cellar.

Maybe it’s all just coincidence and the baseball gods don’t really exist, which would explain why the New York Yankees keep winning pennants. But if nothing else, recent seasons have shown that the A.L. West front office that works the hardest comes out on top.

With John Hart becoming general manager of the Rangers, taking his place opposite Oakland’s Billy Beane and Seattle’s Pat Gillick, the division has arguably the three sharpest executives in baseball. Expect a flurry of trades around the July 31

deadline and another wild race that should keep the baseball gods smiling.

Seattle Mariners

The moons lined up perfectly for the Mariners in 2001—at least until the A.L.C.S., where they fell to the Yankees for the second straight season. It’s too much to ask for another 116-win season, but there’s no reason the Mariners won’t remain on top.

After all, they’ve rebounded from the losses of Randy Johnson, Ken Griffey Jr. and A-Rod in previous offseasons and still managed to increase their win total from 76 to 79 to 91 to 116.

Oakland A’s

In Mark Mulder, Tim Hudson and Barry Zito, the A’s have the most gifted group of young pitchers since Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux and John Smoltz first teamed with the Braves. The Oakland trio combined for 56 wins in ’01, but it still has yet to peak.

Texas Rangers

The Rangers have three future Hall-of-Famers in A-Rod, Ivan Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro, the nucleus of a formidable everyday lineup. But the club must improve its decade-long problem of inadequate pitching.

Anaheim Angels

Since 1995, the Angels have appeared on the verge of a breakthrough. Unfortunately, that’s about the time Disney took over and started treating the club like entertainment instead of a baseball team.

Finances will dictate the Angels’ fate again in 2002. Closer Troy Percival and hard-nosed outfielder Darin Erstad, both frustrated by Disney’s lack of commitment, likely will be dealt before they can pursue free agency. That’s a shame, since Anaheim has assembled a solid pitching staff.



DIVISION'S BEST

TOP PLAYER:

Ichiro Suzuki Mariners

TOP PITCHER:

Tim Hudson A's

TOP ROOKIE:

Hank Blalock Rangers

Seattle Mariners

A L W E S T

Ichiro will continue to keep them sleepless in Seattle, as Mariners are solid favorites to win the West again.

For the first time since 1998, the Mariners will begin a season having not lost a future Hall-of-Famer to free agency or a forced trade. That's especially good news for a club that won an A.L.-record 116 games and reached the A.L. Championship Series for the second consecutive season.

Still, the Mariners will be hard

pressed to duplicate the success of last year, when they went 20-5 in April, won 15 in a row between May 23 and June 8 and became the eighth team ever to go wire-to-wire in first place.

The current Mariners are virtually unrecognizable from the "Refuse to Lose" group of the mid-1990s. The weak bullpen that doomed those teams has been replaced with arguably the best in the game. Instead of the one-note Randy Johnson rotation, the Mariners can go three or four deep. And though the offense no longer produces as many homers as it did in the Junior/A-Rod heyday, it's better equipped to dominate in spacious Safeco Field.

Olerud awakening

John Olerud fits the profile perfectly. A career .300 hitter who owns a pair of World Series rings and has appeared in league championship playoffs with three different teams, Olerud still somehow goes unappreciated. An All-Star for the second time in 2001, he provides Gold Glove-caliber defense and has not played in fewer than 159 games since 1997. Last year's numbers—.302, 21 homers, 95 RBI—were among the best of his career.

No player was a bigger surprise in 2001 than **Bret Boone**. Playing for his fourth team in as many seasons, Boone bulked up before the year and posted career highs in average (.331), homers (37) and RBI (141). Boone was disappointed that the free-agent market for second basemen was so soft, but he still received a hefty boost in pay. If he can provide 70 percent of his '01 production in '02, he'll be worth it.

Since returning to play for his hometown Mariners two years ago, veteran first baseman John Olerud has given Seattle a dependable, 100-RBI bat in the middle of the order.



Mike Cameron was selected to his first All-Star Game last season while setting career highs in nearly every offensive category.

Carlos Guillen will never make Mariner fans forget about Alex Rodriguez, but he's proven to be a capable shortstop. While his offense is unspectacular—.259 with five homers and 53 RBI in '01—he plays above-average defense.

A line-drive hitter with a career average of .311, **Jeff Cirillo** was expected to become a 30-homer threat in Colorado. That never happened, although he did smack a career-high 17 bombs last year. His bat is ideally suited for Safeco Field and he's a big upgrade offensively and defensively from **David Bell**.

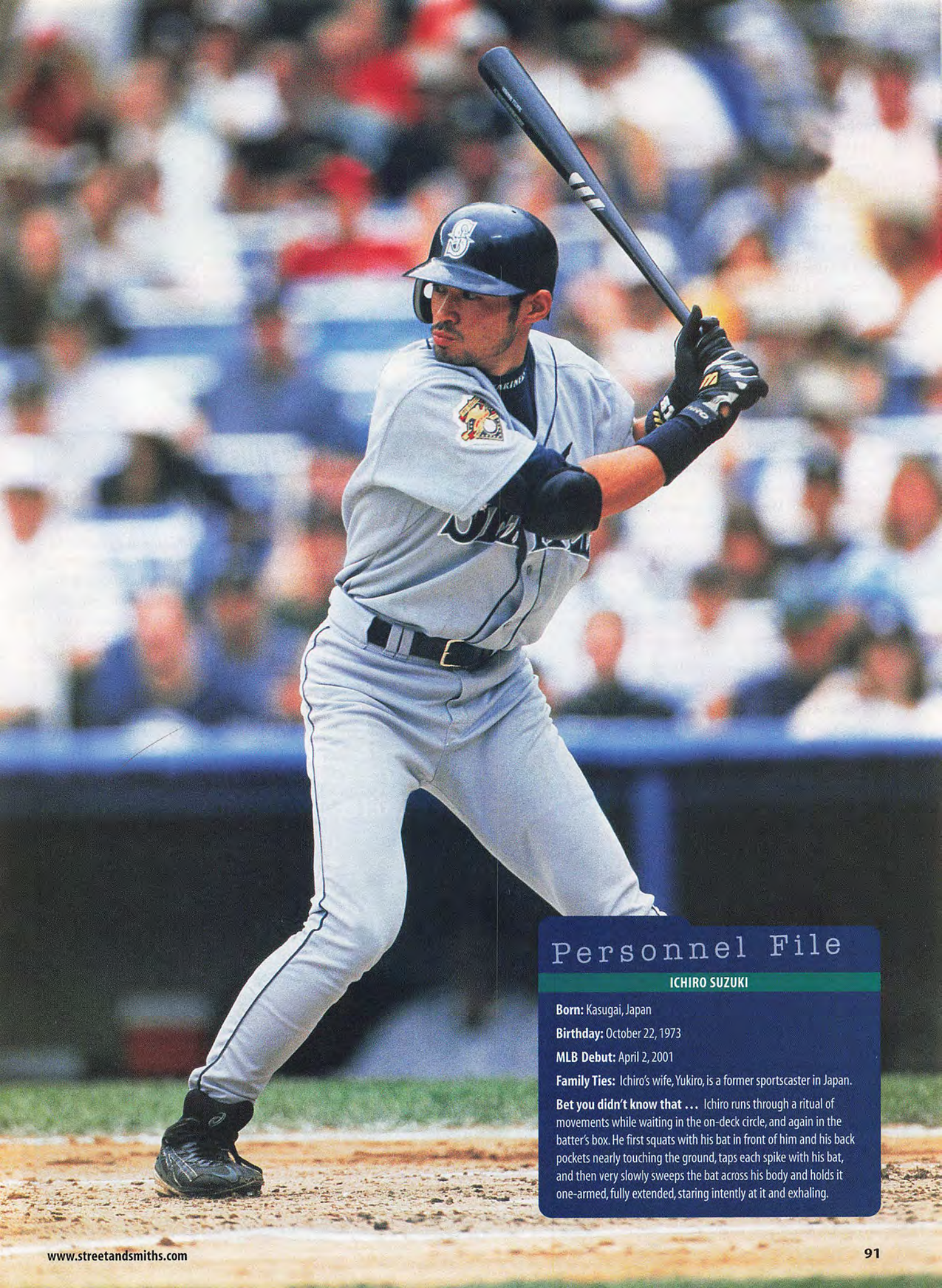
Now 37, **Mark McLemore** played six positions in 2001 while batting .286 with a career-high 39 stolen bases in 125 games. No wonder the Mariners made his re-signing one of their top off-season priorities. If McLemore doesn't end up a regular in left field in 2002, he'll likely reprise his super-utility role of '01. Newly acquired **Ruben Sierra** should see significant time in left.

Two seasons have passed since Ken Griffey Jr. patrolled center field in Seattle. And while no one is suggesting **Mike Cameron** is the equal of the future Hall-of-Famer, he's proven that the Mariners received fair compensation in the 2000 trade. Last year, Cameron won his first Gold Glove, appeared in his first All-Star Game, drove in 110 runs and fell five homers shy of joining



BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.288	1	RUNS	927	1	FIELDING	.986	1
TOTAL BASES	2530	3	HOME RUNS	169	8	ERA	3.54	1
SLUGGING	.445	4	STOLEN BASES	174	1	SAVES	56	2
ON-BASE %	.360	1	LEFT ON BASE	1257	14	OPP. BA	.236	1



Personnel File

ICHIRO SUZUKI

Born: Kasugai, Japan

Birthday: October 22, 1973

MLB Debut: April 2, 2001

Family Ties: Ichiro's wife, Yukiko, is a former sportscaster in Japan.

Bet you didn't know that ... Ichiro runs through a ritual of movements while waiting in the on-deck circle, and again in the batter's box. He first squats with his bat in front of him and his back pockets nearly touching the ground, taps each spike with his bat, and then very slowly sweeps the bat across his body and holds it one-armed, fully extended, staring intently at it and exhaling.

the 30/30 club. Even Junior is not a perennial threat to steal 30 bases.

Far East phenom

It's hard to believe now that there were scouts in Arizona last spring who thought the Mariners overpaid for Ichiro Suzuki. A one-man cultural phenomenon, Suzuki quickly proved he could dominate the majors, becoming the first player since Fred Lynn (1975) to win the Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player awards in the same season.

Suzuki led the A.L. in batting (.350) and stolen bases (56), and his 242 hits were the most in the majors in 71 years.

Dan Wilson caught a second wind to his career in 2001, aided by the return of Lee Elia as a part-time coach. Always solid behind the plate, Wilson raised his batting average 30 points (.265) and doubled his home run total to 10. He'll be pushed by Ben Davis, who was acquired from San Diego in December and is used to playing on a full-time basis.

At 39, Edgar Martinez has shown signs of slowing down, but he's still arguably the game's best DH. His .306 average last season was his lowest since 1994, but his 116 RBI total was his second-highest output ever, despite playing in just 132 games.

Ready Freddy

Freddy Garcia won a career-best 18 games in 2001, led the A.L. in ERA (3.05) and innings pitched and didn't back down as a No.1 starter. Only 25, he's lowered his ERA in each of his first three full seasons.

Jamie Moyer tops out at only 86 mph, but his impeccable control and preparation make him one of baseball's more reliable starters. He won a career-high 20 games last season (at age 38) but generally only goes 100 pitches or six innings, whichever comes first.

Paul Abbott spent a decade trying to find a spot in a rotation, so there's a tendency to dismiss his 17-4 season in 2001 as that of a man riding the coattails of the Mariners' historic season. But Abbott has a terrific change-up and great command and, while he might not win 17 again, he's a solid No. 3 starter.

Joel Pineiro went 6-2 with a 2.03 ERA in 17 games (11 starts) and is the first in a long list of promising young arms to arrive. He'll compete for one of two open slots in the rotation, as will lefty John Halama, Gil Meche and 6-foot-11 top prospect Ryan Anderson.

The Mariners again should have baseball's top bullpen, with closer Kazuhiro Sasaki (45 saves), Jeff Nelson and Ryan Franklin, and lefties Arthur Rhodes and Norm Charlton. ■

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ROTATION

Garcia (RH)
Moyer (LH)
Abbott (RH)
Pineiro (RH)
Halama (LH)

BULLPEN

Sasaki (RH)
Rhodes (LH)
Franklin (RH)
Charlton (LH)
Nelson (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: JEFF HEAVERLO



Supreme defender will get chance to be Mariners' shortstop

When the Mariners drafted him as a supplemental first-round pick in 1999, they thought they were getting a future reliever who would be fast-tracked to the majors. Sporting a plus slider while getting great movement and command (4.3 K/BB ratio) from both his two- and four-seam fastballs, he mowed down Texas League hitters as one of that Double-A circuit's top starters. His change-up is being used more frequently and the stamina issues that were evident early in his career have disappeared. He hurled 179 innings last season, staying strong to the end. He may be ready to make the jump to Seattle by midseason and could help the Mariner pitching staff in a variety of roles.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Ryan Anderson, LHP
2. Antonio Perez, SS
3. Chris Snelling, OF
4. Shin-Soo Choo, OF
5. Jeff Heaverlo, RHP
6. Ryan Christianson, C
7. Rafael Soriano, RHP
8. Clint Nageotte, RHP
9. Kenny Kelly, OF
10. Jamal Strong, OF

Under the watchful eye of GM Pat Gillick, the Mariners have collected the best overall talent in the American League over the past three years. Anderson missed the 2001 season due to ligament-transplant surgery on his elbow, but should be back to his dominant self by midseason. Perez managed just 21 at-bats, suffering from wrist and hamstring injuries, but is a high-ceiling, power/speed prospect. Snelling is a hard-nosed player with good speed and surprising power who has hit at every level.

Korean Choo has every tool imaginable and hit the cover off the baseball in his first professional season. He could top this list in 2003. Heaverlo's sinker/slider combination and

versatility will make him a valuable commodity, perhaps as soon as this season. Christianson is a durable catcher with excellent defensive skills and a power bat. Soriano has an electric arm with a surprisingly good change-up, and could become a dominating presence in the future.

Nageotte led the Class A Midwest League in strikeouts, despite being one of its younger pitchers. His curveball is outstanding and he isn't afraid to challenge hitters.

Kelly, the former University of Miami quarterback, blossomed into the athletic prospect that everyone expected after being traded by Tampa Bay. Strong got on base (.428 OBP) and stole bases at will last season at two Class A levels (82), but lacks power in his bat and throwing arm, possibly relegating him to reserve status.

Second baseman Jermaine Clark (speed) and DH/1B Juan Thomas (power) can be effective offensively, but they have no place to play. The Mariners' bullpen could see new faces in right-handers Vascar Serrano (acquired from San Diego in the Ben Davis deal) and Justin Kaye.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
48	Paul Abbott	R	R	6-3	195	09/15/67	Van Nuys, CA	Tacoma (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	4.0	1	4	4
								Seattle	17-4	4.25	28	27	1	0	163.0	145	87	118
56	Ryan Anderson	L	L	6-10	215	07/12/79	Southfield, MI	Did Not Play										
37	Norm Charlton	S	L	6-3	205	01/06/63	Fort Polk, LA	Tacoma (AAA)	0-1	3.00	4	2	0	0	6.0	4	2	9
								Seattle	4-2	3.02	44	0	0	1	47.2	36	11	48
45	Ryan Franklin	R	R	6-3	165	03/05/73	Fort Smith, AR	Tacoma (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	3.2	2	0	3
								Seattle	5-1	3.56	38	0	0	0	78.1	76	24	60
34	Freddy Garcia	R	R	6-4	235	10/06/76	Caracas, Venezuela	Seattle	18-6	3.05	34	34	4	0	238.2	199	69	163
	Kevin Gryboski	R	R	6-5	220	11/15/73	Wilkes-Barre, PA	Tacoma (AAA)	2-5	3.90	58	0	0	22	60.0	64	19	50
54	John Halama	L	L	6-5	210	02/22/72	Brooklyn, NY	Tacoma (AAA)	2-0	0.47	3	3	1	0	19.0	9	0	22
								Seattle	10-7	4.73	31	17	0	0	110.1	132	26	50
	Jeff Heaverlo	R	R	6-1	215	01/13/78	Palo Alto, CA	San Antonio (AA)	11-6	3.12	27	27	4	0	178.2	164	40	173
	Justin Kaye	R	R	6-4	195	06/09/76	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Tacoma (AAA)	3-2	2.92	56	0	0	4	77.0	51	46	107
55	Gil Meche	R	R	6-3	200	09/08/78	Lafayette, LA	Did Not Play										
50	Jamie Moyer	L	L	6-0	175	11/18/62	Sellersville, PA	Seattle	20-6	3.43	33	33	1	0	209.2	187	44	119
43	Jeff Nelson	R	R	6-8	235	11/17/66	Baltimore, MD	Seattle	4-3	2.76	69	0	0	4	65.1	30	44	88
38	Joel Pineiro	R	R	6-1	180	09/25/78	Rio Pedres, Puerto Rico	Tacoma (AAA)	6-3	3.62	18	10	0	0	77.0	68	33	64
								Seattle	6-2	2.03	17	11	0	0	75.1	50	21	56
	Joe Putz	R	R	6-5	220	02/22/77	Trenton, MI	San Antonio (AA)	7-9	3.83	27	26	0	0	148.0	145	59	135
53	Arthur Rhodes	L	L	6-2	205	10/24/69	Waco, TX	Seattle	8-0	1.72	71	0	0	3	68.0	46	12	83
22	Kazuhiro Sasaki	R	R	6-4	209	02/22/68	Sendai, Japan	Seattle	0-4	3.24	69	0	0	45	66.2	48	11	62
39	Wascar Serrano	R	R	6-2	178	06/02/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Portland (AAA)	6-5	4.53	27	13	0	0	93.1	98	35	73
								San Diego	3-3	6.56	20	5	0	0	46.2	60	21	39
	Allan Simpson	R	R	6-4	185	08/26/77	Springfield, IL	San Berndno (A)	1-0	1.80	16	0	0	1	30.0	19	12	40
								San Antonio (AA)	2-1	1.86	22	0	0	9	38.2	25	15	37
	Aaron Taylor	R	R	6-7	230	08/20/77	Valdosta, GA	Wisconsin (A)	3-1	2.45	28	0	0	9	29.1	19	11	50
	Matt Thornton	L	L	6-6	220	09/15/76	Three Rivers, MI	San Berndno (A)	14-7	2.52	27	27	0	0	157.0	126	60	192
	Greg Wooten	R	R	6-7	210	03/30/74	Eugene, OR	Tacoma (AAA)	11-8	3.99	27	26	5	0	169.1	201	32	116

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
13	Ben Davis	S	R	6-4	215	03/10/77	Chester, PA	San Diego	.239	138	448	56	107	20	0	11	57	4
6	Dan Wilson	R	R	6-3	202	03/25/69	Barrington, IL	Seattle	.265	123	377	44	100	20	1	10	42	3

#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
9	Alex Arias	R	R	6-3	202	11/20/67	New York, NY	San Diego	.226	70	137	19	31	9	0	2	12	1
25	David Bell	R	R	5-10	190	09/14/72	Cincinnati, OH	Seattle	.260	135	470	62	122	28	0	15	64	2
44	Willie Bloomquist	R	R	5-11	180	11/27/77	Bremerton, WA	San Antonio (AA)	.255	123	491	59	125	23	2	0	28	34
29	Bret Boone	R	R	5-10	180	04/06/69	El Cajon, CA	Seattle	.331	158	623	118	206	37	3	37	141	5
7	Jeff Cirillo	R	R	6-1	190	09/23/69	Pasadena, CA	Colo Sprngs (AAA)	.750	1	4	2	3	1	0	0	3	0
								Colorado	.313	138	528	72	165	26	4	17	83	12
8	Carlos Guillen	S	R	6-1	180	09/30/75	Maracay, Venezuela	Seattle	.259	140	456	72	118	21	4	5	53	4
5	John Olerud	L	L	6-5	220	08/05/68	Seattle, WA	Seattle	.302	159	572	91	173	32	1	21	95	3
	Antonio Perez	R	R	5-11	175	07/26/81	Bani, DR	San Antonio (AA)	.143	5	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
75	Rafael Soriano	R	R	6-1	175	12/19/79	San Jose, D R	Did Not Play										
	Luis Ugueto	S	R	5-11	152	02/15/79	Caracas, VZ	Brevard Cty (A)	.263	121	392	53	103	12	5	3	43	22

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
44	Mike Cameron	R	R	6-2	190	01/08/73	LaGrange, GA	Seattle	.267	150	540	99	144	30	5	25	110	34
1	Charles Gipson	R	R	6-2	180	12/16/72	Orange, CA	Seattle	.219	94	64	16	14	2	2	0	5	1
15	Kenny Kelly	R	R	6-3	180	01/26/79	Plant City, FL	San Antonio (AA)	.262	121	478	72	125	20	5	11	46	18
11	Edgar Martinez	R	R	5-11	200	01/02/63	New York, NY	Seattle	.306	132	470	80	144	40	1	23	116	4
4	Mark McLemore	S	R	5-11	207	10/04/64	San Diego, CA	Seattle	.286	125	409	78	117	16	9	5	57	39
	Ruben Sierra	S	R	6-1	215	10/06/65	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Texas	.291	94	344	55	100	22	1	23	67	2
51	Ichiro Suzuki	L	R	5-11	157	10/22/73	Kasugai, Japan	Seattle	.350	157	692	127	242	34	8	8	69	56

Oakland Athletics

With one less Giambi, Athletics may lean more heavily on dynamite young pitching staff.

The Oakland A's have been arguably baseball's greatest success story the last two seasons, a team that has thrived despite a payroll that's been barely a third of that of the New York Yankees. With a young nucleus and a

top player to the game's wealthiest team. This after blowing a two games-to-none lead to the Yankees in the A.L. Division Series.

Last season, the A's overcame an 8-18 start to go 64-18 after July 1 and finish with 102 wins. They scored the fourth-most runs (884) in the A.L. and hit the fifth-most homers (199) while posting the league's second-lowest ERA (3.59). Giambi will be missed, both on the field and in the clubhouse, but the A's have ample resources to reach the post-season for the third consecutive season.

Left side gives ball a ride

Offensively, the strength of the team is the left side of the infield, where last season Miguel Tejada and Eric Chavez became the first shortstop/third base combo in baseball history to each hit 31 home runs.

Chavez moved into the upper ranks of third basemen with a breakthrough season in which he hit .288 with 32 homers and 114 RBI despite a .245 average and just 11 homers at the All-Star break. A notorious slow starter, Chavez says he'll concentrate his efforts this spring on getting off to a quick jump; he's a career .250 hitter in the first half, .304 afterward. Given that he focused his energies last spring on defense and ended up winning a Gold Glove, that bodes well for the A's.

Tejada might not have the high profile of Alex Rodriguez, Nomar Garciaparra or Derek Jeter, but he deserves to be mentioned in the same company. Only A-Rod has more homers and RBI as a shortstop over the last two seasons than Tejada, who has averaged 30 and 114, respectively. Tejada does have a tendency to be streaky, alternating between home run tears and lengthy slumps.

At second, Frank Menechino had a tremendous first half (.292) followed by a nightmarish second half (.191). Some club officials believe Menechino

might be best suited as a backup, but he's one of the team's hardest workers and is among the most popular players in the clubhouse. He helped carry the team through its first-half struggles last season and should remain a starter in '02.

Life after Jason

The A's still will have a Giambi at first base, although Jeremy Giambi doesn't bring as much power to the position as his older brother. Still, he had 12 homers and 57 RBI in 371 at-bats, and it's worth noting that Jason's power developed gradually. The A's could platoon the younger, left-handed hitting Giambi with Olmedo Saenz. The club also will be closely watching top prospect Jason Hart, who swings like a young Mark McGwire, and could turn to veteran free-agent pickup Scott Hatteberg.

Terrence Long seems like a guy who should steal more bases and draw more walks, but the A's are content with his steady progress. His weak arm makes him a better fit in left field than center, although he'll move back to center with the addition of David Justice.

A three-time All-Star, Justice might retire after the 2002 season, which would not come as a



Barry Zito dominated hitters late last season, going 11-1 with a 1.32 ERA in the last two months.

few key veteran acquisitions, the A's have proven that a lesser-heeled team can compete in an era in which richer teams dominate.

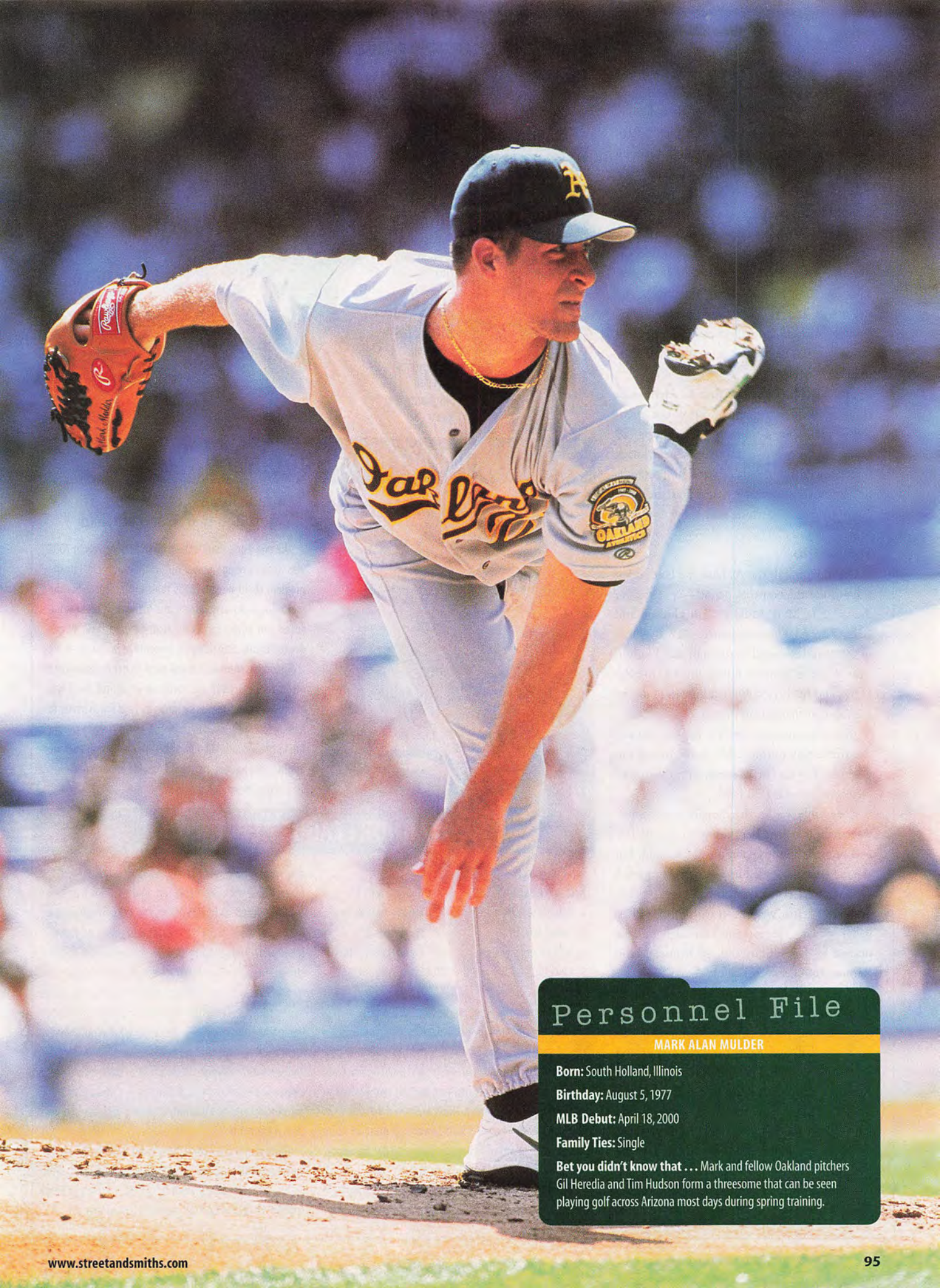
That makes the departure of Jason Giambi, the former ringleader of the A's rogue clubhouse, all the more discouraging. While it's true the A's blew their chance to re-sign the slugger haggling over a no-trade clause, they ultimately surrendered their

Eric Chavez had a breakout 2001, eclipsing Sal Bando's franchise record for home runs by a third baseman with 32.



BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.264	9	RUNS	884	4	FIELDING	.980	11
TOTAL BASES	2444	6	HOME RUNS	199	5	ERA	3.59	2
SLUGGING	.439	6	STOLEN BASES	68	13	SAVES	44	6
ON-BASE %	.345	3	LEFT ON BASE	1171	12	OPP. BA	.249	2



Personnel File

MARK ALAN MULDER

Born: South Holland, Illinois

Birthday: August 5, 1977

MLB Debut: April 18, 2000

Family Ties: Single

Bet you didn't know that . . . Mark and fellow Oakland pitchers Gil Heredia and Tim Hudson form a threesome that can be seen playing golf across Arizona most days during spring training.

surprise for a player who has gotten old in a hurry. The 35-year-old struggled in 2001, going on the disabled list twice with an injured groin, and hit just .241 with 18 homers and 51 RBI. But the A's believe he can return to the Giambi-like form he showed in 2000, when he drove in 118 runs and hit a career-high 41 homers for Cleveland and the Yankees.

In right, **Jermaine Dye** is expected to be completely healed after breaking his leg in the playoffs. Acquired from the Royals at midseason, Dye bolstered the team offensively and defensively and will be counted on to pick up some of Jason Giambi's lost production. He is in his last year before free agency and could be used as trade bait.

The A's believe catcher **Ramon Hernandez** could be their next player to break out offensively. He's shown some power, hitting 29 homers in the past two seasons, and has a knack for clutch hitting. Perhaps most importantly, he's improving defensively and gets the most out of the young pitching staff.

Terrific trio

On the mound, the A's have the best young trio—if not the best trio, period—of starters in the game in **Mark Mulder**, **Tim Hudson** and **Barry Zito**. Mulder won a career-high 21 games in 2001 and emerged as the staff ace. Hudson won 18 games, finished fifth in the A.L. in ERA (3.37) and further established himself as one of the top right-handers in the game.

Zito, who many believe has the best stuff of the three, was untouchable from August on, going 11-1 in his last 12 starts, with three complete games and a 1.32 ERA.

Cory Lidle was an afterthought in the three-way trade that sent Ben Grieve to Tampa Bay and brought **Johnny Damon** to Oakland, but the right-hander ended up as one of the game's biggest surprises. Lidle, who had just 12 previous career starts, went 13-6 with a 3.59 ERA, will return to the rotation, although he'll be pushed by **Eric Hiljus** and left-hander **Mario Ramos** (16-4 between Double-A and Triple-A).

Closer **Billy Koch** brings his 100-mph heat from Toronto, where he fell out of favor in his third big-league season. Hitters learned to wait on his fastball and Koch blew eight saves and posted a 4.80 ERA. For the moment, he's Jason Isringhausen's replacement, but could be dealt.

The A's have one of the game's better middle relief corps, led by right-handers **Jim Mecir**, **Jeff Tam** and **Chad Bradford** and lefty **Mike Magnante**. Mecir's screwball is effective against left-handed hitters. He could become the closer if Koch is traded. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



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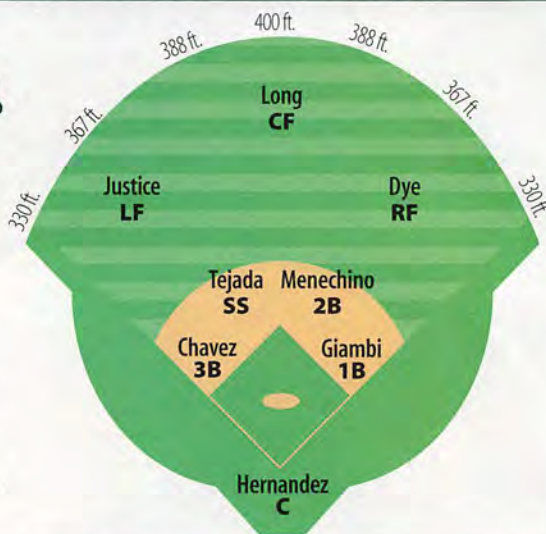


ROTATION

Mulder (LH)
Hudson (RH)
Zito (LH)
Lidle (RH)
Ramos (LH)

BULLPEN

Koch (RH)
Bradford (RH)
Tam (RH)
Magnante (LH)
Mecir (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: RYAN LUDWICK



Ryan's hope is that strong arm gets him to Oakland outfield

The one thing that Oakland lacked offensively in 2001 was above-average power out of their outfield, but the problem could be solved, as their top prospect fits the mold. Ludwick has good size, and generates excellent bat speed and power out of his right-handed stick, as evidenced by his .503 slugging percentage in Double-A. He is a good baserunner, but will need to get on base more often to be useful. His defense in center field has improved immensely, as he tracks fly balls much better to help accent his powerful throwing arm. He really caught fire in the second half and, although his batting average might suffer initially, he should provide enough power to stay in the lineup one day soon.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Ryan Ludwick, OF
2. Juan Pena, LHP
3. Jason Hart, 1B
4. Mario Ramos, LHP
5. Chris Tritle, OF
6. Bobby Crosby, SS
7. Freddie Bynum, SS
8. Eric Byrnes, OF
9. Aaron Harang, RHP
10. Esteban German, 2B

Oakland runs the most progressive and thorough player-development program in baseball, giving its prospects the best chance of success. Ludwick is the organization's best upper-level athlete and power hitter, and could be a factor in center field. Pena has pitched well the last two seasons in extreme hitters' parks and projects to throw much harder as he matures. Hart has excellent power, but must be more selective and improve his bat speed. He may get the opportunity to replace Jason Giambi at first base.

Ramos is a diminutive, finesse pitcher with multiple change-ups and a slow curveball that he can paint the cor-

ners with. Tritle was MVP of the Arizona League, leading the rookie circuit with nine home runs and 26 stolen bases. He's a good athlete for his size. Crosby was the most polished middle infielder in the 2001 draft with his solid defense, speed and hitting skills. Bynum has tremendous athleticism and speed, and will shift over to second base in 2002.

Byrnes is a blood-and-guts type of player who offers power, speed and defense—perfect for a fourth outfielder. Harang has good size (6-7, 240 pounds) and good movement to his pitches, but he needs to set up hitters better and pitch off the plate. German is a small player with questionable defensive skills, but can get on base at a 40-percent clip and has disruptive speed (48 steals between Class AA and AAA).

Outfielder Rob Ryan will fight it out with Byrnes for the fourth outfielder role, while SS/2B Mark Ellis and 3B/1B Jason Grabowski could claim utility jobs. Left-hander Claudio Galva and RHP Chad Harville may nail down bullpen spots.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
53	Chad Bradford	R	R	6-5	205	09/14/74	Jackson, MS	Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	0.38	12	0	0	2	23.2	15	2	24
								Oakland	2-1	2.70	35	0	0	1	36.2	41	6	34
49	Mike Fyhrie	R	R	6-2	203	12/09/69	Long Beach, CA	AZ-Cubs (R)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	2.0	1	0	4
								Iowa (AAA)	1-0	4.80	13	0	0	2	15.0	14	8	15
								Chicago (NL)	0-2	4.20	15	0	0	0	15.0	16	7	6
								Oakland	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	0	5.0	2	1	5
	Franklyn German	R	R	6-4	170	01/20/80	San Cristobal, DR	Visalia (A)	2-4	3.98	53	0	0	19	63.1	67	31	93
32	Chad Harville	R	R	5-9	180	09/16/76	Selmer, TN	Modesto (A)	0-0	3.00	2	1	0	0	3.0	2	0	3
								Visalia (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	3	0	3
								Sacramento (AAA)	5-2	3.98	33	0	0	8	40.2	35	12	55
								Oakland	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	0	3.0	2	0	2
37	Erik Hiljusz	R	R	6-5	230	12/25/72	Panorama City, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	8-5	3.63	15	15	3	0	101.2	79	26	108
								Oakland	5-0	3.41	16	11	0	0	66.0	70	21	67
15	Tim Hudson	R	R	6-0	160	07/14/75	Columbus, GA	Oakland	18-9	3.37	35	35	3	0	235.0	216	71	181
44	Billy Koch	R	R	6-3	205	12/14/74	Rockville Center, NY	Toronto	2-5	4.80	69	0	0	36	69.1	69	33	55
21	Cory Lidle	R	R	5-11	180	03/22/72	Hollywood, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	1-0	3.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	6	3	2
								Oakland	13-6	3.59	29	29	1	0	188.0	170	47	118
52	Mike Magnante	L	L	6-1	185	06/17/65	Glendale, CA	Oakland	3-1	2.77	65	0	0	0	55.1	50	13	23
45	Jim Mecir	S	R	6-1	210	05/16/70	Queens, NY	Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	1	0	0
								Oakland	2-8	3.43	54	0	0	3	63.0	54	26	61
20	Mark Mulder	L	L	6-6	200	08/05/77	South Holland, IL	Oakland	21-8	3.45	34	34	6	0	229.1	214	51	153
	Juan Pena	L	L	6-3	195	06/04/79	Santo Domingo, DR	Midland (AA)	11-9	4.07	27	27	0	0	148.1	164	46	106
	Mario Ramos	L	L	5-11	165	10/19/77	Pflugerville, TX	Sacramento (AAA)	8-3	3.14	13	13	1	0	80.1	74	27	82
77	Bert Snow	R	R	6-1	190	03/23/77	Brooksville, FL	Did Not Play										
29	Jeff Tam	R	R	6-1	202	08/19/70	Fullerton, CA	Oakland	2-4	3.01	70	0	0	3	74.2	68	29	44
51	Luis Vizcaino	R	R	5-11	169	06/01/77	Bani, Dominican Republic	Sacramento (AAA)	2-2	2.14	27	0	0	7	42.0	35	10	56
								Oakland	2-1	4.66	36	0	0	1	36.2	38	12	31
75	Barry Zito	L	L	6-4	205	05/13/78	Las Vegas, NV	Oakland	17-8	3.49	35	35	3	0	214.1	184	80	205
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
55	Ramon Hernandez	R	R	6-0	227	05/20/76	Caracas, Venezuela	Oakland	.254	136	453	55	115	25	0	15	60	1
28	Greg Myers	L	R	6-2	225	04/14/66	Riverside, CA	Baltimore	.270	25	74	11	20	2	0	4	18	0
								Sacramento (AAA)	.000	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
								Oakland	.184	33	87	13	16	1	0	7	13	0
17	Tom Wilson	R	R	6-3	210	12/19/70	Fullerton, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	.282	77	259	43	73	15	1	8	48	0
								Oakland	.190	9	21	4	4	0	0	2	4	0
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
3	Eric Chavez	L	R	6-0	204	12/07/77	Los Angeles, CA	Oakland	.288	151	552	91	159	43	0	32	114	8
	Mark Ellis	R	R	5-11	180	06/06/77	Rapid City, SD	Sacramento (AAA)	.273	132	472	71	129	38	0	10	53	21
	Esteban German	R	R	5-9	180	12/26/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Midland (AA)	.284	92	335	79	95	20	3	6	30	31
								Sacramento (AAA)	.373	38	150	40	56	8	0	4	14	17
7	Jeremy Giambi	L	L	6-0	200	09/30/74	San Jose, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	.333	9	27	1	9	1	0	0	1	0
								Oakland	.283	124	371	64	105	26	0	12	57	0
	Jason Grabowski	L	R	6-3	200	05/24/76	New Haven, CT	Tacoma (AAA)	.297	114	394	60	117	32	3	9	58	7
62	Jason Hart	R	R	6-4	240	09/05/77	Walnut Creek, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	.247	134	494	71	122	26	1	19	75	3
	Scott Hatteberg	L	R	6-1	210	12/14/69	Salem, OR	Boston	.245	94	278	34	68	19	0	3	25	1
11	Frank Menechino	R	R	5-9	175	01/07/71	Staten Island, NY	Oakland	.242	139	471	82	114	22	2	12	60	2
	Oscar Salazar	R	R	6-0	155	06/27/78	Maracay, VZ	Sacramento (AAA)	.063	5	16	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
								Midland (AA)	.267	130	521	75	139	31	4	18	95	10
4	Miguel Tejada	R	R	5-9	188	05/25/76	Bani, DR	Oakland	.267	162	622	107	166	31	3	31	113	11
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
22	Eric Byrnes	R	R	6-2	205	02/16/76	Redwood City, CA	Sacramento (AAA)	.289	100	415	81	120	23	2	20	51	25
								Oakland	.237	19	38	9	9	1	0	3	5	1
21	Mike Colangelo	R	R	6-1	185	10/22/76	Teaneck, NJ	Mobile (AA)	.265	9	34	5	9	0	1	1	4	0
								Portland (AAA)	.261	61	180	27	47	11	1	3	22	5
								San Diego	.242	50	91	10	22	3	3	2	8	0
24	Jermaine Dye	R	R	6-5	220	01/28/74	Vacaville, CA	Kansas City	.272	97	367	50	100	14	0	13	47	7
								Oakland	.297	61	232	41	69	17	1	13	59	2
	David Justice	L	L	6-3	200	04/14/66	Cincinnati, OH	Norwich (AA)	.000	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								New York (AL)	.241	111	381	58	92	16	1	18	51	1
12	Terrence Long	L	L	6-1	190	02/29/76	Montgomery, AL	Oakland	.283	162	629	90	178	37	4	12	85	9
	Ryan Ludwick	R	R	6-3	200	07/13/78	Satellite Beach, FL	Midland (AA)	.269	119	443	82	119	23	3	25	96	9
								Sacramento (AAA)	.228	17	57	10	13	3	0	1	7	2
6	Adam Piatt	R	R	6-2	195	02/08/76	Chicago, IL	Modesto (A)	.467	4	15	4	7	2	0	1	2	0
								Sacramento (AAA)	.257	35	109	14	28	9	0	1	15	2
								Oakland	.211	36	95	9	20	5	1	0	6	0
26	Rob Ryan	L	L	5-11	192	06/24/73	Havre, MT	Tucson (AAA)	.329	63	216	45	71	17	5	12	50	1
								Arizona	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Sacramento (AAA)	.225	62	218	35	49	8	3	7	32	1
								Oakland	.000	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Olmedo Saenz	R	R	6-0	185	10/08/70	Chitre Herrera, Panama	Oakland	.220	106	305	33	67	21	1	9	32	0
23	Mario Valdez	L	R	6-2	190	11/19/74	"Obregon, Mexico"	Modesto (A)	.421	6	19	3	8	1	0	2	5	0
								Oakland	.278	32	54	7	15	1	0	1	8	0

Hicks looks to 'Hart transplant' to rejuvenate pitching-poor Rangers.

In 2001, Alex Rodriguez proved that if anyone is worth \$252 million, he is. Rodriguez earned his money by producing the best offensive season ever by a shortstop, but the Rangers finished last in the division for the second straight season. Proving that a club-record 246 homers and a league-leading .471 slugging percentage could not compensate for poor pitching, the Rangers went 73-89, 43 games behind the first-place Mariners.

Owner Tom Hicks, who signed off on the A-Rod deal—along with such unwise acquisitions as Ken Caminiti and Andres Galarraga—fired General Manager Doug Melvin and brought in John Hart, the architect of the Cleveland Indians for the last decade.

Hart built the Indians around a powerful offense and barely adequate pitching, but the Rangers have a long way to go until their staff falls into that modest category, even after the signing of ex-Dodger Chan Ho Park for \$65 million over five years. Their most important offseason acquisition might have been pitching coach Oscar Acosta, who in '01 helped a seemingly pedestrian Cubs staff lower its ERA from 5.25 in 2000 to 4.03 while setting a big-league record with 1,344 strikeouts.

Rotisserie Rangers

The Rangers continue to look like a team built for fantasy baseball. And while the roster includes three future Hall-of-Famers and a strong nucleus, it still might not be enough to finish higher than third in the A.L. West.

At 37, **Rafael Palmeiro** is no longer a Gold Glove first baseman, and his range has diminished. But he hasn't lost a thing offensively, continuing a quiet march to Cooperstown. Palmeiro tied his career high with 47 homers in 2001. He and Babe Ruth are the only players to have seven consecutive seasons of at least 38 homers.

Hart landed perhaps the grandest prize of the offseason when he convinced free-agent slugger **Juan Gonzalez** to return home to the Rangers, his original club, for less money than the New York Mets were offering. Gonzalez, who said his preference for the American League played a role in his decision, batted .325 with 35 home runs and 140 RBI for Cleveland last season. The Rangers finished first in the A.L. in home runs, total bases and slugging percentage in 2001, so the sky appears to now be the limit for the Texas offense. The 32-year-old Gonzalez, who will play right field, signed a \$24 million, two-year deal that included \$10.5 million in deferred payments.

For a guy not expected to be in the majors in 2001, **Michael Young** made quite an impression at second base. A surprise call-up in May when Randy Velarde was injured, Young smacked 11 homers in 386 at-bats, and his defensive play drew raves from keystone partner Rodriguez. Ranger officials believe Young has the power and speed to become a 20/20 man.

Lightning A-Rod

If Rodriguez felt the pressure of a historic contract, he didn't show it, proving that he's a perfect fit for The Ballpark in Arlington. A-Rod hit .318, set career highs in home runs (52) and RBI (135) and now has four consecutive seasons of at least 40 homers and 110 RBI. A team leader at 26, he's not only the best shortstop in the league, he's also its best player.

The Rangers have options at third base, which won't be settled until spring training. **Hank Blalock** had the second-highest average (.352) in the minors in 2001, splitting the year between Class A and AA, and dominated the Arizona Fall League. Just 21, he'll get a shot to win the job soon, but the Rangers will likely go with a platoon of Perry and **Mike Lamb** until Blalock is ready. A dark-horse candidate is **Mark Teixeira**,



The Rangers' offense will be quite formidable if Ivan Rodriguez can join Alex Rodriguez (top) more regularly in the lineup and reach 600 at-bats for the first time since 1999.

the Rangers' top draft pick in '01, who has an invite to spring training.

Controlling Carl

Carl Everett brings a decade of baggage with him after coming over in a trade from Boston. Baseball's biggest problem child has played as many as 140 games just once and generally has been an underachiever. But he produced back-to-back seasons with at least a .300 average, 25 home runs and 100 RBI in 1999 and 2000. That was enough to satisfy Hart, who has dealt with the likes of Albert Belle and **John Rocker** in the past.

The Rangers have accumulated a stable of aggressive, unspectacular outfielders. **Rusty Greer**

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.275	3	RUNS	890	3	FIELDING	.981	9
TOTAL BASES	2676	1	HOME RUNS	246	1	ERA	5.71	14
SLUGGING	.471	1	STOLEN BASES	97	11	SAVES	37	10
ON-BASE %	.344	4	LEFT ON BASE	1161	10	OPP. BA	.293	14

Personnel File

GABRIEL STEFAN KAPLER

Born: Hollywood, California

Birthday: August 31, 1975

MLB Debut: September 20, 1998

Family Ties: Gabe and his wife, Lisa, have a son, Chase Ty.

Bet you didn't know that ... Gabe is an avid weightlifter and promoter of physical fitness and has appeared on the covers of several bodybuilding magazines.



has endured numerous injuries the past two seasons, apparently paying the price for his all-out play. Greer's average has dropped each year since he hit .332 in 1996 and he's lost the modest 20-homer power he once had.

Versatile **Frank Catalanotto** batted .330 in 2001 with 11 homers, 54 RBI and 15 steals, mostly in place of Greer in left, and should collect 500 at-bats while playing everywhere. **Gabe Kapler** (17 homers, 72 RBI, 23 steals) has begun to prove he's more than just baseball's most dedicated bodybuilder, but will have to fight to keep an outfield job with the addition of Everett and Gonzalez.

Pudge's last stand?

Ivan Rodriguez continues to come closer to passing **Johnny Bench** to become the greatest catcher of all time. He's tied with Bench with nine consecutive All-Star starts and 10 consecutive Gold Gloves, but is coming off his second straight season-ending injury. The 1999 A.L. MVP has hit more than 30 homers just once and has just one season of 100 or more RBI. He's still a defensive force, but with free agency looming at the end of the year, he's likely in his final season as a Ranger. **Bill Haselman** is a reliable backup.

Acosta hopes to keep the Rangers from posting the league's highest ERA for the third season in a row. That was made easier when Hart signed Park.

Park (15-11, 3.50 ERA) is a welcome addition, but might not be enough to turn around a rotation that includes erratic left-handers **Kenny Rogers** and **Doug Davis**. Newly acquired **Dave Burba** was demoted to the bullpen last season in Cleveland, but should land a spot in the weaker Texas rotation. Right-handers **Rob Bell** and **Aaron Myette** are also candidates for the rotation, and youngsters **Justin Duchscherer** and **Joaquin Benoit** will get a look in the spring.

Though the Rangers pursued **Jason Iiringhausen**, they insist they're content with **Jeff Zimmerman** as closer. They should be, after Zimmerman went 1-0 with a 0.94 ERA in the second half of '01 and converted all 16 of his save opportunities.

Had the team obtained Iringhausen, Zimmerman would have moved to the setup role. Newly signed **Todd Van Poppel** (three years, \$7.5 million) will work middle relief. With the Cubs last season, Van Poppel averaged 1.1 innings per outing in his 59 appearances. Hart acquired **Rocker** for the second time, hoping a second change of scenery will help the left-hander finally get his head on straight. ■

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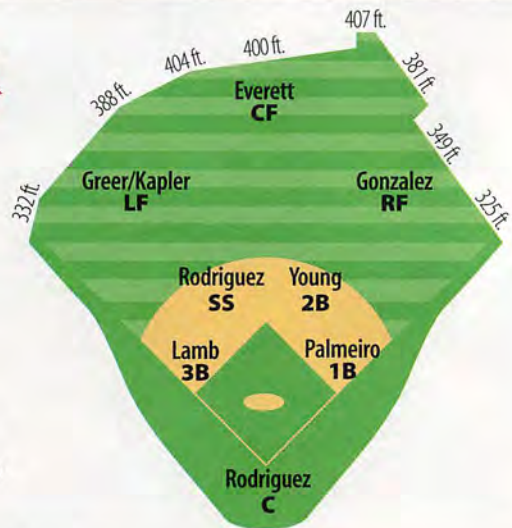


ROTATION

Park (RH)
Bell (RH)
Rogers (LH)
Davis (LH)
Burba (RH)

BULLPEN

Powell (RH)
Van Poppel (RH)
Venafrro (LH)
Zimmerman (RH)
Rocker (LH)
Myette (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: HANK BLALOCK



Pure, disciplined corner infielder will polish game in '02 at Triple-A

One of the best pure hitters in all the minor leagues, Blalock uses a short, quick stroke to the ball that allows him to drive the gaps and pull inside pitches. He is very adept at judging the strike zone (0.94 BB/K ratio), rarely swinging at bad pitches. Handling new levels posed no problem for him, as he adjusted immediately to both the Texas League (.327 batting average) and Arizona Fall League (.344). His defense is behind his offense at the moment, as he hasn't shown the consistency with his throwing arm, accuracy and footwork. He could hit major league pitching right now, but will spend most of the season in Triple-A, polishing up his game.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Hank Blalock, 3B
2. Carlos Pena, 1B
3. Mark Teixeira, 3B
4. Kevin Mench, OF
5. Colby Lewis, RHP
6. Jason Romano, 2B/OF
7. Ryan Dittfurth, RHP
8. Jason Botts, OF/1B
9. Jovanny Cedenro, RHP
10. Justin Duchscherer, RHP

Just like their major league counterparts, the Rangers' farm system is loaded with offense, but there could be some definite pitching help on the way. Blalock had one of the top hitting seasons in the minors at Class A and AA and could be just a year away. Pena is a run producer with the ability to hit for both average and power. After hitting .288 with 23 homers and 74 RBI at Triple-A, he spent the winter playing right field in the Dominican League. Georgia Tech's Teixeira was the best pure hitter in the college ranks in 2001, and he will open at third base in Double-A.

Mench has the best power bat in the system, but needs to polish his approach to hitting as well as his defense. Lewis

is a battler with four quality pitches and exquisite command, and may be ready by July. Romano, a quality athlete with moderate power, is being shifted to center field. Dittfurth is poised beyond his years and only needs to develop his change-up to take the next step.

Botts is a sleeper prospect with tremendous size who hits the ball hard and runs well. He is likely three years away, however. Texas virtually stole Duchscherer from Boston (in a trade last year for Doug Mirabeli). He has blossomed into a deceptive, control-type pitcher, and will likely see time in Arlington this season. Cedenro has the best arm in the Rangers' system, but his future is questionable after shoulder surgery.

Outfielders Chris Magruder and Craig Monroe could make the club as fourth outfielders with their defense and moderate power. First baseman Travis Hafner can sting the baseball, but can't seem to stay healthy. The Texas rotation could be enhanced by right-hander Joaquin Benoit and left-hander Andy Pratt.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
6	Rob Bell	R	R	6-5	225	01/17/77	Newburgh, NY	Louisville (AAA)	2-2	3.33	5	4	0	0	27.0	32	4	26
								Cincinnati	0-5	5.48	9	9	0	0	44.1	46	17	33
								Texas	5-5	7.18	18	18	0	0	105.1	130	47	64
53	Joaquin Benoit	R	R	6-3	205	07/26/79	Santiago, DR	Tulsa (AA)	1-0	3.32	4	4	0	0	21.2	23	6	23
								Oklahoma (AAA)	9-5	4.19	24	24	1	0	131.0	113	73	142
								Texas	0-0	10.80	1	1	0	0	5.0	8	3	4
34	Dave Burba	R	R	6-4	240	07/07/66	Dayton, OH	Cleveland	10-10	6.21	32	27	1	0	150.2	188	54	118
	Jovanny Ceden	R	R	6-0	160	10/25/79	La Romana, DR	Charlotte (A)	0-0	1.86	3	3	0	0	9.2	3	5	12
30	Francisco Cordero	R	R	6-2	200	08/11/77	Santo Domingo, DR	Oklahoma (AAA)	0-1	0.59	12	0	0	6	15.1	8	3	20
								Texas	0-1	3.86	3	0	0	0	2.1	3	2	1
17	Doug Davis	R	L	6-4	190	09/21/75	Sacramento, CA	Oklahoma (AAA)	2-0	2.87	2	2	0	0	15.2	10	4	14
								Texas	11-10	4.45	30	30	1	0	186.0	220	69	115
	Ryan Dittfurth	R	R	6-6	180	10/18/79	Fort Worth, TX	Charlotte (A)	9-6	3.48	27	24	2	0	147.1	123	66	134
45	Justin Duchscherer	R	R	6-3	164	11/19/77	Aberdeen, SD	Trenton (AA)	6-3	2.44	12	12	1	0	73.2	49	14	69
								Tulsa (AA)	4-0	2.08	6	6	1	0	43.1	39	10	55
								Oklahoma (AAA)	3-3	2.84	7	7	1	0	50.2	48	10	52
								Texas	1-1	12.27	5	2	0	0	14.2	24	4	11
	Travis Hughes	R	R	6-5	215	05/25/78	Newton, KS	Tulsa (AA)	5-7	4.64	47	5	0	8	87.1	91	45	86
	Hideki Irabu	R	R	6-4	240	05/05/69	Chiba, Japan	Montreal	0-2	4.86	3	3	0	0	16.2	22	3	18
52	Danny Kolb	R	R	6-4	215	03/29/75	Sterling, IL	Charlotte (A)	1-2	3.86	7	3	0	0	18.2	21	2	16
								Tulsa (AA)	1-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	2.0	0	1	0
								Oklahoma (AAA)	0-1	1.42	12	0	0	3	19.0	13	4	21
								Texas	0-0	4.70	17	0	0	0	15.1	15	10	15
	Colby Lewis	R	R	6-4	215	08/02/79	Bakersfield, CA	Charlotte (A)	1-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	4.1	0	0	8
								Tulsa (AA)	10-10	4.50	25	25	1	0	156.0	150	62	162
41	Juan Moreno	L	L	6-1	205	02/28/75	Maiquetia, Venezuela	Tulsa (AA)	1-1	0.00	6	0	0	1	8.2	6	3	10
								Oklahoma (AAA)	0-0	1.86	7	0	0	0	9.2	4	2	13
								Texas	3-3	3.92	45	0	0	0	41.1	22	28	36
39	Aaron Myette	R	R	6-4	195	09/26/77	New Westminster, Canada	Oklahoma (AAA)	4-3	3.73	12	12	2	0	70.0	64	30	76
								Tulsa (AA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	3	1	2
								Texas	4-5	7.14	19	15	0	0	80.2	94	37	67
	Chan Ho Park	R	R	6-2	204	06/30/73	Kong Ju City, Korea	Los Angeles	15-11	3.50	36	35	2	0	234.0	183	91	218
46	Mark Petkovsek	R	R	6-0	198	11/18/65	Beaumont, TX	Texas	1-2	6.69	55	0	0	0	76.2	103	28	42
	Jay Powell	R	R	6-4	225	01/09/72	Meridian, MS	Houston	2-2	3.72	35	0	0	0	36.1	41	19	28
								Colorado	3-1	2.79	39	0	0	7	38.2	34	12	26
	Andy Pratt	L	L	5-11	160	08/27/79	Mesa, AZ	Tulsa (AA)	8-10	4.61	27	26	3	0	168.0	175	57	132
	Bill Pulsipher	L	L	6-3	200	10/09/73	Fort Benning, GA	Bos-Chi (AL)	0-0	6.00	37	0	0	0	30.0	36	21	20
49	John Rocker	R	L	6-4	225	10/17/74	Statesboro, GA	Atlanta	2-2	3.09	30	0	0	19	32.0	25	16	36
								Cleveland	3-7	5.45	38	0	0	4	34.2	33	25	43
37	Kenny Rogers	L	L	6-1	217	11/10/64	Savannah, GA	Texas	5-7	6.19	20	20	0	0	120.2	150	49	74
47	Todd Van Poppel	R	R	6-5	235	12/09/71	Hinsdale, IL	Chicago (NL)	4-1	2.52	59	0	0	0	75.0	63	38	90
43	Mike Venafro	L	L	5-10	180	08/02/73	Takoma Park, MD	Texas	5-5	4.80	70	0	0	4	60.0	54	28	29
59	Jeff Zimmerman	R	R	6-1	200	08/09/72	Kelowna, Canada	Texas	4-4	2.40	66	0	0	28	71.1	48	16	72
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
33	Bill Haselman	R	R	6-3	225	05/25/66	Long Branch, NJ	Oklahoma (AAA)	.143	8	28	2	4	0	0	0	1	0
								Texas	.285	47	130	12	37	6	0	3	25	0
7	Ivan Rodriguez	R	R	5-9	205	11/30/71	Vega Baja, Puerto Rico	Texas	.308	111	442	70	136	24	2	25	65	10
#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Travis Hafner	L	R	6-3	215	06/03/77	Jamestown, ND	Tulsa (AA)	.282	88	323	59	91	25	0	20	74	3
13	Mike Lamb	L	R	6-1	195	08/09/75	West Covina, CA	Oklahoma (AAA)	.297	69	273	35	81	19	3	8	40	0
								Texas	.306	76	284	42	87	18	0	4	35	2
25	Rafael Palmeiro	L	L	6-0	190	09/24/64	Havana, Cuba	Texas	.273	160	600	98	164	33	0	47	123	1
15	Carlos Pena	L	L	6-2	210	05/17/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Oklahoma (AAA)	.288	119	431	71	124	38	3	23	74	11
								Texas	.258	22	62	6	16	4	1	3	12	0
	Herbert Perry	R	R	6-2	235	09/15/69	Live Oak, FL	Chicago (AL)	.256	92	285	38	73	21	1	7	32	2
3	Alex Rodriguez	R	R	6-3	215	07/27/75	New York, NY	Texas	.318	162	632	133	201	34	1	52	135	18
	Jason Romano	R	R	6-0	185	06/24/79	Tampa, FL	Tulsa (AA)	.242	46	186	19	45	9	1	1	19	8
								Charlotte (A)	.400	3	10	3	4	2	0	0	1	1
								GC-Rangers (R)	.143	5	21	2	3	0	0	0	0	1
								Oklahoma (AAA)	.315	41	149	32	47	6	1	4	13	3
48	Mark Teixeira	S	R	6-2	215	04/11/80	Severna Park, MD	Did Not Play										
2	Michael Young	R	R	6-1	190	10/19/76	Covina, CA	Oklahoma (AAA)	.291	47	189	28	55	8	0	8	28	3
								Texas	.249	106	386	57	96	18	4	11	49	3
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
27	Frank Catalanotto	L	R	5-11	195	04/27/74	Smithtown, NY	Texas	.330	133	463	77	153	31	5	11	54	15
	Carl Everett	S	R	6-0	215	06/03/71	Tampa, FL	Sarasota (A)	.429	2	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
								GC-Red Sox (R)	.200	3	10	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
								Boston	.257	102	409	61	105	24	4	14	58	9
29	Rusty Greer	L	L	6-0	195	01/21/69	Fort Rucker, AL	Tulsa (AA)	.000	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Texas	.273	62	245	38	67	23	0	7	29	1
19	Gabe Kapler	R	R	6-2	208	08/31/75	Hollywood, CA	Tulsa (AA)	.333	5	15	2	5	1	0	0	0	0
								Texas	.267	134	483	77	129	29	1	17	72	23
11	Chris Magruder	S	R	5-11	200	04/26/77	Tacoma, WA	Shreveport (AA)	.255	40	149	22	38	6	3	2	11	5
								Fresno (AAA)	.280	54	214	37	60	7	1	10	30	3
								Oklahoma (AAA)	.362	33	127	28	46	14	4	5	21	1
								Texas	.172	17	29	3	5	0	0	0	1	0
	Kevin Mench	R	R	6-0	215	01/07/78	Wilmington, DE	Tulsa (AA)	.265	120	475	78	126	34	2	26	83	4
21	Craig Monroe	R	R	6-1	195	02/27/77	Texarkana, TX	Oklahoma (AAA)	.280	114	410	60	115	25	5	20	75	10
								Texas	.212	27	52	8	11	1	0	2	5	2

Anaheim Angels

Disney's Wonderful World of Angels looks to shake Mickey Mouse tag with bounce-back season.

The Angels were one of baseball's more puzzling teams in 2001. Usually starved for pitching, they posted a 4.20 ERA, fifth lowest in the league, and managed to maintain the same five-man rotation the entire season.

The normally potent offense, which produced 864 runs in 2000, struggled in 2001 as Mo Vaughn missed the entire season and Tim Salmon and Darin Erstad endured dreadful campaigns. As a result, the Angels finished 75-87, ahead of only Texas in the A.L. West, and a staggering 41 games behind the Mariners. It was the Angels' most distant finish ever—two and a half games worse than their inaugural 1961 season.

Still, the team played .500 ball for much of the year until it dropped 19 of its last 21 games.

All-Star third baseman Troy Glaus has hit 88 home runs in the last two seasons, second in the A.L. behind Alex Rodriguez (93).



With a young, improving rotation bolstered by the additions of Aaron Sele and Kevin Appier, there would be optimism for the new season were it not for the Disney ownership's unwillingness to loosen the purse strings. Until the company unloads the franchise, it likely will continue to run it as a Mickey Mouse operation.

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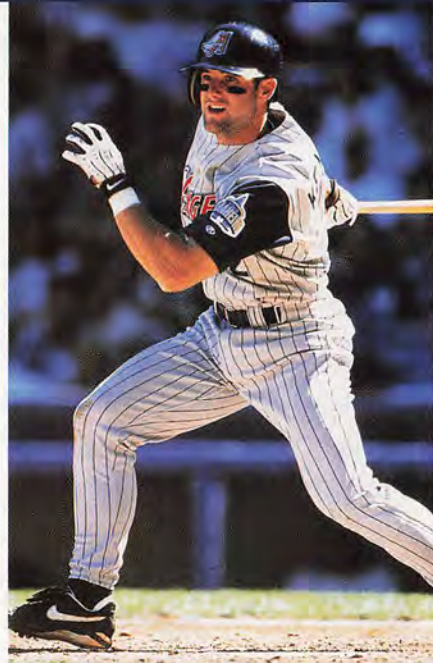
After missing the entire 2001 season following surgery to repair a ruptured biceps tendon, Vaughn angered club officials when he told a Boston radio station he'd like to return to the Red Sox. Once the Mets expressed interest in taking the slugger and the remaining \$50 million of his contract off the Angels' hands, the deal was as good as done.

Erstad played briefly at first base in Vaughn's absence and could end up there again. Super-utility man Scott Spiezio (.271, 13 HR, 54 RBI) played 105 games there in '01 and could be a full-timer at first this year.

Adam Kennedy was one of the great success stories of 2000, batting .266 with nine homers, 72 RBI and 22 steals and providing some compensation for the loss of Jim Edmonds. Last season, Kennedy slumped to six homers and 40 RBI and was benched against left-handed pitchers in favor of Benji Gil. Kennedy will enter spring training fighting to keep his job.

David Eckstein led the A.L. in sacrifice bunts (16) and being hit by pitches (21) and was the second-toughest player in the league to strike out as a rookie behind Ichiro Suzuki. He could return to shortstop, although his arm strength is below average for the position. At 5-foot-8, 170 pounds, he's more suited for second base and could unseat Kennedy.

Gil returns as a reserve. Alfredo Amezaga, a



Second baseman Adam Kennedy hopes to bounce back to his form of 2000, when he was one of the league's top rookies.

slick-fielding shortstop who stole 33 bases between Double-A and Triple-A in 2001, will shake up the middle of the Angel infield, but probably not until 2003.

Troy Glaus is the team's only player with long-term job security. Just 25, the two-time All-Star has hit 88 home runs over the past two seasons, second most in the A.L. to Alex Rodriguez (93) during the span. Last season, Glaus became the first Angel ever to win a second Silver Slugger award after hitting .250 with 41 homers, 108 RBI and 38 doubles. He's still prone to lengthy slumps, but should benefit from having Vaughn back in the lineup.

Garret who?

Garret Anderson continues to be one of the game's more anonymous performers, batting .289 in '01 with 28 homers and career highs in RBI (123) and stolen bases (13). The soft-spoken Anderson spent his early years on the trading block and, with a reasonable contract (four years, \$20 million through 2004), he remains a valuable bargaining chip for the cost-conscious Angels.

After hitting .355 with 25 homers, 240 hits and 100 RBI in 2000, Erstad had a miserable '01. His average fell nearly 100 points and he managed just nine homers. A proud, gritty performer, he

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.261	11	RUNS	691	12	FIELDING	.983	3
TOTAL BASES	2248	12	HOME RUNS	158	10	ERA	4.20	5
SLUGGING	.405	12	STOLEN BASES	116	8	SAVES	43	7
ON-BASE %	.327	9	LEFT ON BASE	1203	13	OPP. BA	.263	5



Personnel File

DARIN CHARLES ERSTAD

Born: Jamestown, North Dakota

Birthday: June 4, 1974

MLB Debut: June 14, 1996

Family Ties: Father Chuck is a member of the North Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame.

Bet you didn't know that . . . Darin was a punter on the 1994 national champion Nebraska Cornhuskers football team.

enters '02 with the added motivation of looming free agency.

Right fielder Salmon signed a four-year, \$40 million deal in '01, then had the worst season of his career. Whether it was the pressures of the contract or nagging neck and shoulder injuries, Salmon managed just 17 homers and 49 RBI and a .227 average. If the Angels are to improve in 2002, they'll need strong rebound seasons from Salmon and Erstad.

Bengie Molina didn't quite match his productive rookie season in 2001, but he's a solid two-way catcher. A hamstring injury knocked him out for seven weeks, but he appeared healthy in the final month of the season, hitting .304 in his last 102 at-bats.

Jorge Fabregas is a capable backup, and the Angels will find at-bats for Shawn Wooten. Wooten made the Topps Rookie All-Star Team at catcher, batting .312 with eight homers and 32 RBI in 79 games before his season was cut short by a wrist injury. He also can play first and third and will see time at DH.

Iron Angels

For the first time since 1989, the Angels had five starters in 2001 who each pitched 150 or more innings. Their rotation could be even better this season with the addition of reliable workhorse Sele, who has won 69 games since 1998, the most by any A.L. pitcher. Appier (11-10, 3.57 ERA with the Mets) could be dealt since he carries a hefty salary, but until then gives the club another formidable starter.

Right-hander Ramon Ortiz (13-11, 4.36) has the best arm on the team and the Angels believe he'll be even better once he reins in his emotions on the mound. Left-hander Jarrod Washburn (11-10, 3.77) went 8-0 during a 14-game stretch early on, but was winless after August 19. The Angels believe he can be an ace, but he needs to stay healthy. Left-hander Scott Schoeneweis also got off to a good start, but was winless in his last eight outings to finish 10-11.

The Angel bullpen is solid, anchored by Troy Percival, who converted 39 of 42 save opportunities and proved that his elbow and shoulder problems are in the past. Percival has already indicated he won't return to Anaheim when he's eligible for free agency after the season, which could prompt the Angels to deal him before July 31.

Right-hander Al Levine established himself as the club's leading setup man in 2001, going 8-10 with a 2.38 ERA in a team-high 64 appearances. For bullpen depth, the Angels added veteran lefty Dennis Cook, who made 62 appearances last season in the N.L.

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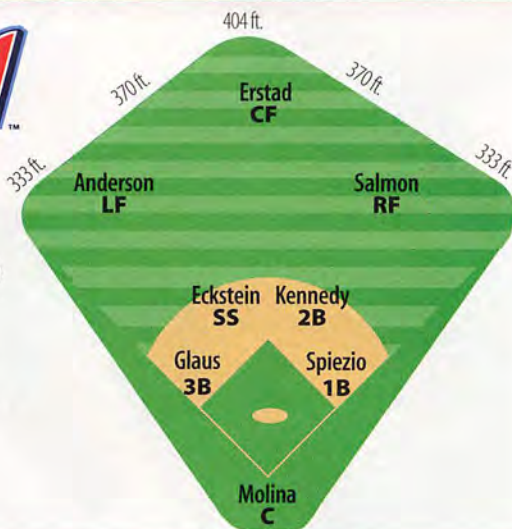


ROTATION

Sele (RH)
Appier (RH)
Ortiz (RH)
Schoeneweis (LH)
Washburn (LH)

BULLPEN

Percival (RH)
Lukasiewicz (LH)
Pote (RH)
Levine (RH)
Cook (LH)
Weber (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: ALFREDO AMEZAGA



Speedy convert to shortstop may have utility role waiting with Angels

Desperately seeking a permanent solution at shortstop, the Angels shifted Amezaga to the other side of second base to start 2001. He has electrifying speed, and improved his ability to drive the baseball and make contact. He will never hit for much power, and he especially needs to exhibit more patience at the plate. Anaheim wasn't concerned with his range and hands, but he adjusted very well to the longer throws that were required of him. The offensive capabilities he can bring to the top of the lineup and his improved defense might prompt Anaheim to give him a chance at some significant time at shortstop. Long-term, he will likely settle in as a utility player.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Chris Bootcheck, RHP
2. Casey Kotchman, 1B
3. Francisco Rodriguez, RHP
4. Joe Torres, LHP
5. Brian Specht, SS
6. John Lackey, RHP
7. Alfredo Amezaga, SS
8. Bobby Jenks, RHP
9. Nathan Haynes, OF
10. Dallas McPherson, 3B

Anaheim is slowly but surely resurrecting a once-lowly player-development and drafting program, focusing on power arms and hitters with extreme tools. The intense Bootcheck comes right at hitters with three power pitches and very little finesse. He could be ready by late summer. Kotchman, Anaheim's top pick in the 2001 draft, tore the cover off the ball before a wrist injury cut his season short in rookie ball. Rodriguez is a short Dominican who can dominate with a live fastball and power slider.

Torres throws very hard for a left-hander, but still needs to grow into his body and overcome a sore shoulder. Specht

had an off-year offensively at Class AA and AAA, but is an outstanding fielder, with good speed and some pop in his bat. Lackey threw more innings than he should have at Class A and AA (185), but showed a live fastball before tiring at the end of the season. Amezaga could end up the starting shortstop and leadoff hitter with his speed and defense.

Jenks is a raw power pitcher who can touch the mid-90s, but has little in the way of complementary pitches. Haynes has the speed and defense the Angels covet, but will need to hit the ball with more authority or risk being labeled a fourth outfielder. McPherson was leading the Pioneer League in hitting before breaking his arm on a fielding play.

Second baseman-outfielder Trent Durrington is being outfitted for a utility role, while athletic outfielders Elpidio Guzman or Jeff DaVanon could make the team as a fifth outfielders. Right-handed pitcher Bart Miadich and LHP Mark Lukasiewicz will vie for bullpen roles, with RHP Scot Shields also in the mix.

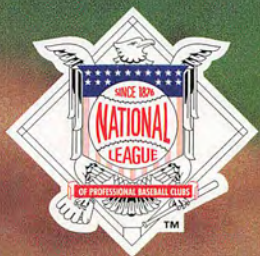
#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Kevin Appier	R	R	6-2	200	12/06/67	Lancaster, CA	New York	11-10	3.57	33	33	1	0	206.2	181	64	172
59	Mickey Callaway	R	R	6-2	190	05/13/75	Memphis, TN	Durham (AAA)	11-7	3.07	29	21	2	0	129.0	131	24	81
								Tampa Bay	0-0	7.20	2	0	0	0	5.0	3	2	2
39	Dennis Cook	L	L	6-3	190	10/04/62	Lamarque, TX	New York (NL)	1-1	4.25	43	0	0	0	36.0	28	10	34
								Scranton-WB (AAA)	0-0	9.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	1	2	1
								Philadelphia	0-0	5.59	19	0	0	0	9.2	15	4	4
45	Brian Cooper	R	R	6-1	185	08/19/74	Hollywood, CA	Salt Lake (AAA)	12-8	4.63	28	28	1	0	173.0	181	58	109
								Anaheim	0-1	2.63	7	1	0	0	13.2	10	4	7
99	Brendan Donnelly	R	R	6-3	205	07/04/71	Washington, DC	Arkansas (AA)	4-1	2.48	27	0	0	12	29.0	21	13	37
								Salt Lake (AAA)	5-1	2.40	29	0	0	1	41.1	38	8	50
33	Steve Green	R	R	6-2	195	01/26/78	Greenfield Park, Canada	Salt Lake (AAA)	6-2	3.66	10	10	1	0	59.0	59	13	40
								Anaheim	0-0	3.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	4	6	4
	John Lackey	R	R	6-6	205	10/23/78	Abilene, TX	Arkansas (AA)	9-7	3.46	18	18	3	0	127.1	106	29	94
								Salt Lake (AAA)	3-4	6.71	10	10	1	0	57.2	75	16	42
43	Al Levine	L	R	6-3	190	05/22/68	Park Ridge, IL	Anaheim	8-10	2.38	64	1	0	2	75.2	71	28	40
47	Mark Lukasiewicz	L	L	6-5	240	03/08/73	Jersey City, NJ	Salt Lake (AAA)	3-0	1.48	20	0	0	2	30.1	12	2	41
								Anaheim	0-2	6.04	24	0	0	0	22.1	21	9	25
52	Bart Miadich	R	R	6-4	205	02/03/76	Torrence, CA	Salt Lake (AAA)	4-4	2.44	55	0	0	27	59.0	40	29	73
								Anaheim	0-0	4.50	11	0	0	0	10.0	6	8	11
	Elvin Nino	R	R	6-0	185	11/25/75	San Cristobal, DR	Salt Lake (AAA)	10-11	5.47	29	28	1	0	158.0	195	79	101
36	Ramon Ortiz	R	R	6-0	170	03/23/76	Las Matas Cotui, DR	Anaheim	13-11	4.36	32	32	2	0	208.2	223	76	135
40	Troy Percival	R	R	6-3	235	08/09/69	Fontana, CA	Anaheim	4-2	2.65	57	0	0	39	57.2	39	18	71
58	Lou Pote	R	R	6-3	200	08/21/71	Evergreen Park, IL	Anaheim	2-0	4.15	44	1	0	2	86.2	88	32	66
60	Scott Schoeneweis	L	L	6-0	185	10/02/73	Long Branch, NJ	Anaheim	10-11	5.08	32	32	1	0	205.1	227	77	104
	Aaron Sele	R	R	6-5	215	06/25/70	Golden Valley, MN	Seattle	15-5	3.60	34	33	2	0	215.0	216	51	114
62	Scot Shields	R	R	6-1	175	07/22/75	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Salt Lake (AAA)	6-11	4.97	21	21	4	0	137.2	141	31	104
								Anaheim	0-0	0.00	8	0	0	0	11.0	8	7	7
54	Derrick Turnbow	R	R	6-3	200	01/25/78	Union City, TN	Arkansas (AA)	0-0	2.57	3	3	0	0	14.0	12	5	11
56	Jarrod Washburn	L	L	6-1	187	08/13/74	LaCrosse, WI	Salt Lake (AAA)	0-1	5.87	1	1	0	0	7.2	9	1	5
								Anaheim	11-10	3.77	30	30	1	0	193.1	196	54	126
77	Ben Weber	R	R	6-4	212	11/17/69	Port Arthur, TX	Anaheim	6-2	3.42	56	0	0	0	68.1	66	31	40
32	Matt Wise	R	R	6-4	197	11/18/75	Montclair, CA	Salt Lake (AAA)	9-9	5.04	21	21	0	0	123.1	134	17	111
								Anaheim	1-4	4.38	11	9	0	0	49.1	47	18	50

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
6	Jorge Fabregas	L	R	6-3	220	03/13/70	Miami, FL	Anaheim	.223	53	148	9	33	4	2	2	16	0
1	Ben Molina	R	R	5-11	210	07/20/74	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Salt Lake (AAA)	.278	5	18	2	5	1	0	0	3	0
								Rancho Cuca (A)	.545	3	11	1	6	1	0	0	2	0
								Anaheim	.262	96	325	31	85	11	0	6	40	0
28	Jose Molina	R	R	6-2	215	06/03/75	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Salt Lake (AAA)	.300	61	213	29	64	11	1	5	31	1
								Anaheim	.270	15	37	8	10	3	0	2	4	0
44	Shawn Wooten	R	R	5-10	225	07/24/72	Glendora, CA	Anaheim	.312	79	221	24	69	8	1	8	32	2

#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Alfredo Amezcaga	S	R	5-10	165	01/16/78	Obregon, Mexico	Arkansas (AA)	.312	70	285	50	89	10	5	4	21	24
								Salt Lake (AAA)	.250	49	200	28	50	5	4	1	16	9
22	David Eckstein	R	R	5-8	170	01/20/75	Sanford, FL	Anaheim	.285	153	582	82	166	26	2	4	41	29
10	Benji Gil	R	R	6-2	210	10/06/72	Tijuana, Mexico	Anaheim	.296	104	260	33	77	15	4	8	39	3
25	Troy Glaus	R	R	6-5	245	08/03/76	Tarzana, CA	Anaheim	.250	161	588	100	147	38	2	41	108	10
2	Adam Kennedy	L	R	6-1	192	01/10/76	Riverside, CA	Rancho Cuca (A)	.375	3	8	3	3	2	0	0	1	3
								Anaheim	.270	137	478	48	129	25	3	6	40	12
8	Jose Nieves	R	R	6-1	180	06/16/75	Guacara, Venezuela	Salt Lake (AAA)	.329	61	258	50	85	15	4	11	37	8
								Anaheim	.245	29	53	5	13	3	1	2	3	0
23	Scott Spiezio	S	R	6-2	225	09/21/72	Joliet, IL	Anaheim	.271	139	457	57	124	29	4	13	54	5

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
16	Garret Anderson	L	L	6-3	228	06/30/72	Los Angeles, CA	Anaheim	.289	161	672	83	194	39	2	28	123	13
55	Jeff DaVanon	S	R	6-0	185	12/08/73	San Diego, CA	Salt Lake (AAA)	.313	69	256	46	80	19	8	10	48	8
								Anaheim	.193	40	88	7	17	2	1	5	9	1
17	Darin Erstad	L	L	6-2	220	06/04/74	Jamestown, ND	Anaheim	.258	157	631	89	163	35	1	9	63	24
	Elpidio Guzman	L	L	6-2	166	02/24/79	Santo Domingo, DR	Arkansas (AA)	.244	117	459	58	112	21	8	7	46	18
	Nathan Haynes	L	L	5-10	170	09/07/79	Oakland, CA	Arkansas (AA)	.310	79	316	49	98	11	5	5	23	33
3	Orlando Palmeiro	L	L	5-11	180	01/19/69	Hoboken, NJ	Anaheim	.243	104	230	29	56	10	1	2	23	6
15	Tim Salmon	R	R	6-3	225	08/24/68	Long Beach, CA	Rancho Cuca (A)	.143	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Anaheim	.227	137	475	63	108	21	1	17	49	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST



Braves' days as division champs will end this season.

By Rod Beaton, *USA Today*

The Atlanta Braves have made the National League East into their own little fiefdom for a decade now. The natives are restless.

The Braves have been benevolent despots. They have often stumbled in the playoffs, but their 10 consecutive N.L. East crowns (1994 is excluded by the strike) are unmatched.

"Maybe this time" is a refrain heard off and on from New York, Philadelphia, Florida and even Montreal during the Atlanta reign. Maybe this time the words will carry more weight.

The Phillies were the most recent upstart. The Mets were the wild card in 2000. The Braves got to watch them in the N.L.C.S. and in the World Series. The Mets are strong again, but they'll need a better performance from their outfield, a comeback by veteran Edgardo Alfonzo and continued steadiness from a rotation that cannot afford to slip at all.

Florida is the franchise most warily watched. One of the Braves still around from the worst-to-first rise in 1991 is Tom Glavine. He says the Marlins look in many ways like the Braves did just before their abrupt rise.

New York Mets

The Mets have this habit of falling just short of enticing top free-agent talent to Shea Stadium. Remember the Alex Rodriguez fiasco in October 2000? There have been replays of that scenario since.

Then they landed incomparable second baseman Roberto Alomar, outfielder Roger Cedeno, left-hander Shawn Estes and first baseman Mo Vaughn.

Assuming a fruitful comeback from a bad back and worse season, third baseman Edgardo Alfonzo should flourish in an infield Alomar and Vaughn make great.

Florida Marlins

They have no new stadium. They are just four years removed from the post-championship strip-

mining of the World Series winners as ordered by then-owner H. Wayne Huizenga. There is not one player on the team you look to for an MVP season.

What, then, makes the 2002 Marlins special?

They have young pitchers with great stuff in their rotation. Ryan Dempster, Brad Penny, A.J. Burnett and especially rookie Josh Beckett could become South Florida's Glavine, Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Steve Avery.

They also have middle-of-the-order power from Preston Wilson, Cliff Floyd, Mike Lowell, Derrek Lee and Charles Johnson.

Atlanta Braves

The Braves are always rich in pitching. That has not changed, especially after they re-signed closer John Smoltz for \$30 million over three years. The questions are just how rich and just how much longer the older reliables can remain healthy and effective. How many runs will newly-acquired slugger Gary Sheffield be asked to produce?

Philadelphia Phillies

The Phillies will try to prove that last season was not an aberration. That task is not simple.

The public perception that young players improve in a reliable and steady fashion is erroneous. A career track can be as bumpy as a ride on the NASDAQ.

The Phillies dismiss the notion and, for reasons of unchecked optimism or blatantly frugal ration-alizing, they think they will get better play from shortstop Jimmy Rollins, left fielder Pat Burrell, right-hander Brandon Duckworth, second baseman Marlon Anderson and many others.

Montreal Expos

It's hard to say who will get more ink and air time this year in Montreal, the Expos' very special star, Vladimir Guerrero, or the practice goalie for the Montreal Canadiens.

In a city where hockey is king, baseball has become the class clown.



DIVISION'S BEST

TOP PLAYER:

Vladimir Guerrero Expos

TOP PITCHER:

Javier Vazquez Expos

TOP ROOKIE:

Josh Beckett Marlins

New York Mets

Mets have 'Big Mo' (and Roberto) on their side in quest for pennant.

The New York Mets made it pretty obvious most of last season there would be no New York-New York reprise in October. The Mets were not capable of holding up their end. Things have changed since then, big time.

Last season, they fell six games short of the first-place Braves, which actually makes the Mets sound more competitive than they really were.

The Braves' hitting and run production let down

Converting 43 of 46 save opportunities, Armando Benitez won the N.L. Rolaids Relief Man Award last season for the first time.



the N.L.'s best pitching staff (based on ERA).

The Mets' hitting and run production let down the N.L.'s fifth-best pitching staff.

Punchless 'O'

The Mets were dead last in the N.L. in scoring. Some pretty prestigious players didn't hold up their end. The Mets were 15th in home runs, so power was not an answer, either. The Mets were 13th in steals, so aggressiveness on the bases wasn't an answer.

Embattled manager Bobby Valentine wasn't an answer, either. He fights on two fronts. He tried to win the East with an aging cast of players (and a few not-ready-yet kids mixed in) last season. He also was the focus of battles within New York's three tabloids, with the writers and columnists divided over whether Valentine should be deified or keel-hauled.

Now, General Manager Steve Phillips has handed Valentine new weapons.

In with the new

There is Roberto Alomar at second base. There is slugging first baseman Mo Vaughn. Add Roger Cedeno in the outfield and leading off, plus David Weathers helping the bullpen. Left-hander Shawn Estes is in for the rotation. The Yankees had a wonderful offseason. The Mets can make a case they fared as well, even though they finished second in the bidding for prized free agent Juan Gonzalez.

Vaughn was injured all last season, a major blow to the Anaheim Angels, but the Mets watched him work out in December and came away assured he is completely recovered from torn biceps. He's had a minimum of 26 homers and 96 RBI every non-strike season since 1993.

Vaughn is a left-handed hitter, providing lineup protection for Mike Piazza and the others. He will uproot Todd Zeile, who fell off his usual



Much of the Mets' success will depend on how well Edgardo Alfonzo responds to a move to third base.

pace to bat .266 with 10 home runs and 62 RBI. No everyday N.L. first baseman provided so little. Zeile is 36. The Mets hope they can unload his contract on anyone. He vows renewed health and revived production this season.

Alomar is not slowing, not in the field, where he earned a Gold Glove again last season with the Indians, or at the plate (.336, 20 HR, 100 RBI) or on the bases (30 steals). He's truly an impact player.

The corner outfield spots are upgraded. Last season, left field was mostly Benny Agbayani, who was a poor excuse for a beefy bat. He'll likely lose his job to Gary Matthews Jr. (.227, 14, 44), acquired from the Pirates for cash in January.

Right field was a grab bag of Tsuyoshi Shinjo, Timo Perez and Matt Lawton. Yippee. Lawton went in the Alomar package with center field prospect Alex Escobar and left-hander Billy Traber. Shinjo helped land Estes from the Giants.

Jay Payton (.255, 8, 34) held down center. He is a first-rate flyhawk, but not the booming bat the Mets expected when they made him a first-round choice out of Georgia Tech (where he was a teammate of Nomar Garciaparra and Jason Varitek).

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.249	15	RUNS	642	16	FIELDING	.983	5
TOTAL BASES	2111	16	HOME RUNS	147	15	ERA	4.07	5
SLUGGING	.387	16	STOLEN BASES	66	13	SAVES	48	1
ON-BASE %	.323	13	LEFT ON BASE	1181	14	OPP. BA	.257	5



Personnel File

MICHAEL JOSEPH PIAZZA

Born: Norristown, Pennsylvania

Birthday: September 4, 1968

MLB Debut: September 1, 1992

Family Ties: Mike has four brothers—Vince, Danny, Tony and Tommy.

Bet you didn't know that . . . When Mike was 12 years old, Ted Williams came to his house in Pennsylvania to watch him take some swings in the family's indoor batting cage.

Cedeno never had a season as good as the one in he had in 1999 at Shea, where he topped .300 and had 66 steals. He'll make Alomar, Edgardo Alfonzo and Piazza RBI men again.

The Mets have big-time bats at positions not associated with offense. Catcher Piazza (.300, 36, 94) tried to carry the lethargic lineup. No go. Alfonzo (.243, 17, 49) hurt his back last year. He hired a personal trainer over the winter and vows to come back in a big way, even if it is at third, not his position of choice in a free-agent year. Piazza is entering what might be his last season behind the plate. He'll punch his usual .300 with 30-40 homers and 100 RBI.

The Mets were not able to trade shortstop Rey Ordonez, but they did try. Playing with Alomar, he should be magical defensively.

Ordinary People

The rotation last year and again this year is veteran, competent and utterly ordinary. Even ace left-hander Al Leiter (11-11, 3.31 ERA) was not very special.

When the Mets signed right-hander Kevin Appier before last season, they crowed that he ought to be good for the same 15 wins that he had been in 1999 and 2000. So he went out and went 11-10 last year. He could win 11 again, maybe more, but it will be with the Angels. He went in the deal for Vaughn. Can right-hander Steve Trachsel do the same? He was 11-13.

Left-handers Glendon Rusch (8-12, 4.63) and Bruce Chen (3-2, 4.68 with Mets after he was acquired from Philadelphia) will be in the rotation.

The Mets were taking offers for closer Armando Benitez last winter. Maybe they know something they have not let on. After all, they sent Turk Wendell to the Phillies last summer and his elbow broke down a few weeks later.

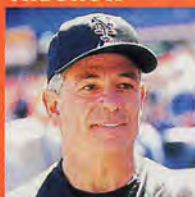
The New York pen still has left-hander John Franco, but only if he recovers in time from a minor elbow scoping in December, and Weathers. Franco, the man with more saves than any left-hander ever, was two-for-seven in save opportunities last year, so he is sure to stay a setup man. Watch for rookie right-hander Jae Weong Seo to break into the majors in relief and become a starter after an apprenticeship. Seo is a prized Korean prospect who missed all of 2000 after Tommy John surgery. He is a rarity, a Mets prospect who could help right from the start this season, if he has a good camp.

Some teams stay relatively unchanged by choice. The Mets wanted big changes for 2002, and got them. A suspect rotation could be the only thing holding them back. ■

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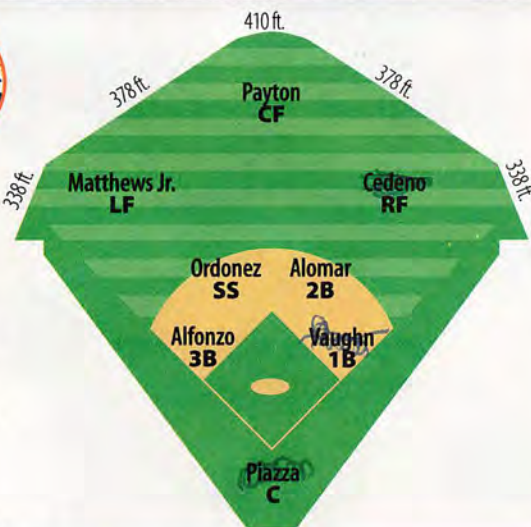


ROTATION

Leiter (LH)
Rusch (LH)
Estes (LH)
Trachsel (RH)
Chen (LH)

BULLPEN

Benitez (RH)
Weathers (RH)
Franco (LH)
Guthrie (LH)
Seo (RH)
Komiya (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: JAE WEONG SEO



Korean control artist should stick in New York with good spring

He made a full recovery from elbow surgery in 1999 and will get a chance to earn a spot on the Mets' pitching staff. The native South Korean has an athletic frame that allows him to repeat a deceptive delivery and to field his position. His fastball doesn't have much velocity (88-90 mph) and tends to be straight, but he baffles hitters with an arsenal of breaking and off-speed pitches that include a split-fingered fastball, slider and change-up. His command is exceptional (4.0 K/BB ratio). It helped him fashion a 2.77 ERA between two levels (Class AA and AAA). He'll need to work lower in the strike zone and continue to control the corners of the plate.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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| 1. Jose Reyes, SS | 6. Grant Roberts, RHP |
| 2. Aaron Heilman, RHP | 7. Angel Pagan, OF |
| 3. Pat Strange, RHP | 8. Neal Musser, LHP |
| 4. Jae Weong Seo, RHP | 9. Satoru Komiya, RHP |
| 5. David Wright, 3B | 10. Ken Chenard, RHP |

The Mets haven't had any high-ceiling players emerge from their system in years, but that could change quickly. Reyes is a major league athlete with wiry strength, excellent speed and solid defense. His strike-zone judgment and walk rate need to be addressed. Heilman was on a strict pitch count after his college season, but showed plenty of poise in the Class A Florida State League and could be a quick climber. Strange has always had arm strength and good movement to his pitches, but doesn't set them up very well and isn't efficient. He suffered a broken ankle in the Arizona Fall League.

Seo relies on a mix of breaking and off-speed pitches to get hitters out and is poised for a solid season after a strong

2001 at Class AA and AAA. Wright, a 2001 draftee, showed a mature bat for a high school player, batting .302 in the Appalachian Rookie League, and gets high grades for his work ethic. Roberts' velocity and plus curveball scream with potential, but poor stamina may mean a permanent move to the bullpen. New York has a potential leadoff hitter in Pagan, who offers outstanding speed (33 SB at Class A) and patience at the plate (0.74 BB/K ratio), but he needs to get stronger.

Musser, a fastball/change-up artist, has taken a while to get started, but looked impressive at Single-A. Komiya, 36, was signed out of Japan in November. He is a location/deception-type pitcher who should make the Mets' staff. Chenard has battled an assortment of injuries, and is now healthy. His pitches have excellent movement, but command is a problem.

First baseman/outfielder Danny Peoples or 2B/3B Ty Wigginton could grab a utility role, while the bullpen could get some help from right-handers Mark Corey, Tyler Walker and Eric Cammack, and LHP Jaime Cerdas.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
51	Mike Bacsik	L	L	6-3	190	11/11/77	Dallas, TX	Akron (AA)	1-1	1.98	4	4	1	0	27.1	21	3	19
								Buffalo (AAA)	12-5	3.26	21	20	2	0	121.1	115	25	81
								Cleveland	0-0	9.00	3	0	0	0	9.0	13	3	4
49	Armando Benitez	R	R	6-4	229	11/03/72	Ramon Santana, DR	New York	6-4	3.77	73	0	0	43	76.1	59	40	93
59	Eric Cammack	R	R	6-1	180	08/14/75	Nederland, TX	Did Not Play										
	Jaime Cerda	L	L	6-0	175	10/26/78	Fresno, CA	St. Lucie (A)	2-1	0.97	28	0	0	6	55.2	40	12	56
								Binghamton (AA)	1-0	3.10	12	0	0	3	20.1	17	6	22
								Norfolk (AAA)	0-0	3.86	3	0	0	0	4.2	2	2	4
32	Bruce Chen	L	L	6-2	210	06/19/77	Panama City, Panama	Reading (AA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	3	0	7
								Scranton-Wb (AAA)	1-0	3.86	3	3	0	0	18.2	14	5	14
								Philadelphia	4-5	5.00	16	16	0	0	86.1	90	31	79
								New York	3-2	4.68	11	11	0	0	59.2	56	28	47
27	Mark Corey	R	R	6-3	210	11/16/74	Coudersport, PA	Binghamton (AA)	1-2	1.80	25	0	0	17	35.0	23	12	50
								Norfolk (AAA)	8-2	1.47	28	0	0	10	36.2	24	22	42
								New York	0-0	16.20	2	0	0	0	1.2	5	3	3
55	Shawn Estes	R	L	6-2	195	02/18/73	San Bernardino, CA	San Francisco	9-8	4.02	27	27	0	0	159.0	151	77	109
45	John Franco	L	L	5-10	185	09/17/60	Brooklyn, NY	New York	6-2	4.05	58	0	0	2	53.1	55	19	50
39	Dicky Gonzalez	R	R	5-11	170	12/21/78	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Norfolk (AAA)	6-5	3.09	17	16	2	0	96.0	96	20	70
								New York	3-2	4.88	16	7	0	0	59.0	72	17	31
19	Mark Guthrie	R	L	6-4	215	09/22/65	Buffalo, NY	Oakland	6-2	4.47	54	0	0	1	52.1	49	20	52
26	Satoru Komiya	R	R	6-1	176	09/15/65	Tokyo, Japan	Did Not Play										
22	Al Leiter	L	L	6-3	220	10/23/65	Toms River, NJ	New York	11-11	3.31	29	29	0	0	187.1	178	46	142
	Nick Maness	R	R	6-4	210	10/17/78	Pinehurst, NC	Binghamton (AA)	6-12	4.97	28	26	1	0	143.0	168	65	107
36	Grant Roberts	R	R	6-3	205	09/13/77	El Cajon, CA	Norfolk (AAA)	3-5	4.52	30	6	0	2	67.2	80	19	54
								New York	1-0	3.81	16	0	0	0	26.0	24	8	29
48	Glendon Rusch	L	L	6-1	200	11/07/74	Seattle, WA	New York	8-12	4.63	33	33	1	0	179.0	216	43	156
63	Jae Weong Seo	R	R	6-1	215	05/24/77	Kwanju, South Korea	St. Lucie (A)	2-3	3.55	6	5	0	0	25.1	21	6	19
								Binghamton (AA)	5-1	1.94	12	10	0	0	60.1	44	11	47
								Norfolk (AAA)	2-2	3.42	9	9	0	0	47.1	53	6	25
	Patrick Strange	R	R	6-5	240	08/23/80	Springfield, MA	Binghamton (AA)	11-6	4.87	26	24	1	0	153.1	171	52	106
								Norfolk (AAA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	4	1	6
29	Steve Trachsel	R	R	6-4	205	10/31/70	Oxnard, CA	Norfolk (AAA)	2-0	2.79	3	3	1	0	19.1	13	6	12
								New York	11-13	4.46	28	28	1	0	173.2	168	47	144
	Adam Walker	L	L	6-7	210	05/28/76	Albuquerque, NM	Reading (AA)	7-4	1.88	15	15	3	0	91.0	50	28	81
								Binghamton (AA)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	4.0	3	2	7
62	Tyler Walker	R	R	6-3	255	05/15/76	San Francisco, CA	St. Lucie (A)	0-2	8.04	4	4	0	0	15.2	19	3	11
								Binghamton (AA)	1-0	0.40	4	3	0	0	22.1	9	13	13
								Norfolk (AAA)	3-2	4.02	8	8	0	0	40.1	34	8	35
49	Dave Weathers	R	R	6-3	230	09/25/69	Lawrenceburg, TN	Milwaukee	3-4	2.03	52	0	0	4	57.2	37	25	46
								Chicago (NL)	1-1	3.18	28	0	0	0	28.1	28	9	20
	Tyler Yates	R	R	6-4	225	08/07/77	Lihue, HI	Midland (AA)	4-6	4.31	56	0	0	17	62.2	66	27	61
								Sacramento (AAA)	1-0	0.00	4	0	0	1	5.1	3	1	3

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
53	Jason Phillips	R	R	6-1	171	09/27/76	La Mesa, CA	Binghamton (AA)	.293	93	317	42	93	21	0	11	55	0
								Norfolk (AAA)	.303	19	66	8	20	2	0	2	14	0
								New York	.143	6	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
31	Mike Piazza	R	R	6-3	215	09/04/68	Norristown, PA	New York	.300	141	503	81	151	29	0	36	94	0
3	Vance Wilson	R	R	5-11	190	03/17/73	Mesa, AZ	Norfolk (AAA)	.246	65	228	24	56	14	0	6	31	0
								New York	.298	32	57	3	17	3	0	0	6	0

#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
13	Edgardo Alfonzo	R	R	5-11	187	11/08/73	St. Teresa, Venezuela	Norfolk (AAA)	.000	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								New York	.243	124	457	64	111	22	0	17	49	5
12	Roberto Alomar	S	R	6-0	185	02/05/68	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Cleveland	.336	157	575	113	193	34	12	20	100	30
19	Lenny Harris	L	R	5-10	220	10/28/64	Miami, FL	New York	.222	110	135	12	30	5	1	0	9	3
10	Rey Ordóñez	R	R	5-9	159	11/11/72	Havana, Cuba	New York	.247	149	461	31	114	24	4	3	44	3
65	Danny Peoples	R	R	6-1	225	01/20/75	Round Rock, TX	Buffalo (AAA)	.222	106	370	62	82	20	1	17	48	0
30	Jorge Toca	R	R	6-3	220	01/07/75	Villa Clara, Cuba	Norfolk (AAA)	.268	111	407	53	109	13	1	11	51	12
								New York	.176	13	17	3	3	0	0	0	1	0
	Mo Vaughn	L	R	6-1	275	12/15/67	Norwalk, CT	Anaheim (Did Not Play)										
9	Todd Zeile	R	R	6-1	200	09/09/65	Van Nuys, CA	New York	.266	151	531	66	141	25	1	10	62	1

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
50	Benny Agbayani	R	R	6-0	225	12/28/71	Honolulu, HI	Norfolk (AAA)	.313	4	16	3	5	1	0	1	3	0
								New York	.277	91	296	28	82	14	2	6	27	4
	Roger Cedeno	S	R	6-1	205	08/16/74	Valencia Edo. Carabobo, VZ	Detroit	.293	131	523	79	153	14	11	6	48	55
47	Joe McEwing	R	R	5-11	170	10/19/72	Bristol, PA	New York	.283	116	283	41	80	17	3	8	30	8
44	Jay Payton	R	R	5-10	185	11/22/72	Zanesville, OH	St. Lucie (A)	.375	4	16	7	6	3	0	0	0	0
								New York	.255	104	361	44	92	16	1	8	34	4
6	Timo Perez	L	L	5-9	167	04/08/77	Bani, DR	Norfolk (AAA)	.359	48	192	37	69	10	2	6	19	15
								New York	.247	85	239	26	59	9	1	5	22	1
	Esix Sneed	S	R	5-10	175	06/07/76	Fort Myers, FL	New Haven (AA)	.233	133	520	71	121	21	6	1	33	64

Florida Marlins

Who cares about contraction? Marlins are armed and ready to challenge for the N.L. East.

The Florida Marlins have already started contraction—on their own. The assistant general manager left to become the general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Goodbye, Dave Littlefield.

The general manager left to become the president of the Detroit Tigers.

Goodbye, Dave Dombrowski.

The manager was fired during the season.

Goodbye, John Boles.

His successor agreed to step aside after the season.

Goodbye, Tony Perez.

The way the Marlins' front

office has been turned over, you'd think they finished well back in the race in the N.L. East. Well, they did, 12 back, to be exact.

Dombrowski left cupboard full

Dombrowski and Littlefield did not leave talent considerations. They left money considerations, specifically the cuts in scouting, player-development and payroll areas they expected to be regarded as money well-spent.

Owner John Henry repeatedly had his hopes for a new stadium dashed. He started looking for a way out, too.

There is something bizarre about the exodus. Everyone is on the way out just as the Marlins are close to fielding a team that can get this franchise back into the playoffs.

For Dombrowski, that fate, if it comes to pass, will be one of the more extraordinary achievements for a general manager in the free-agent era of baseball.

Think about it. Dombrowski built the Montreal Expos into the team that had the best record in baseball at the time of the strike in 1994. Then he had to dismantle it.

Then Dombrowski built the Marlins into the 1997 World Series champion. Then he had to dismantle it.

Until he fled to the Tigers, he had reloaded the major league roster with premium young talent and made the farm system one of the richest in the game. The Marlins might be ready for October again, but D.D. is gone.

Young guns well-armed

The Marlins' rise—if it is forthcoming—will be energized by pitching. It is an old baseball axiom that a team is built from the mound out.



Cliff Floyd set career highs in batting average, hits, home runs, RBI and runs scored in addition to appearing in his first All-Star Game last season.

Dombrowski left a lot of pitching.

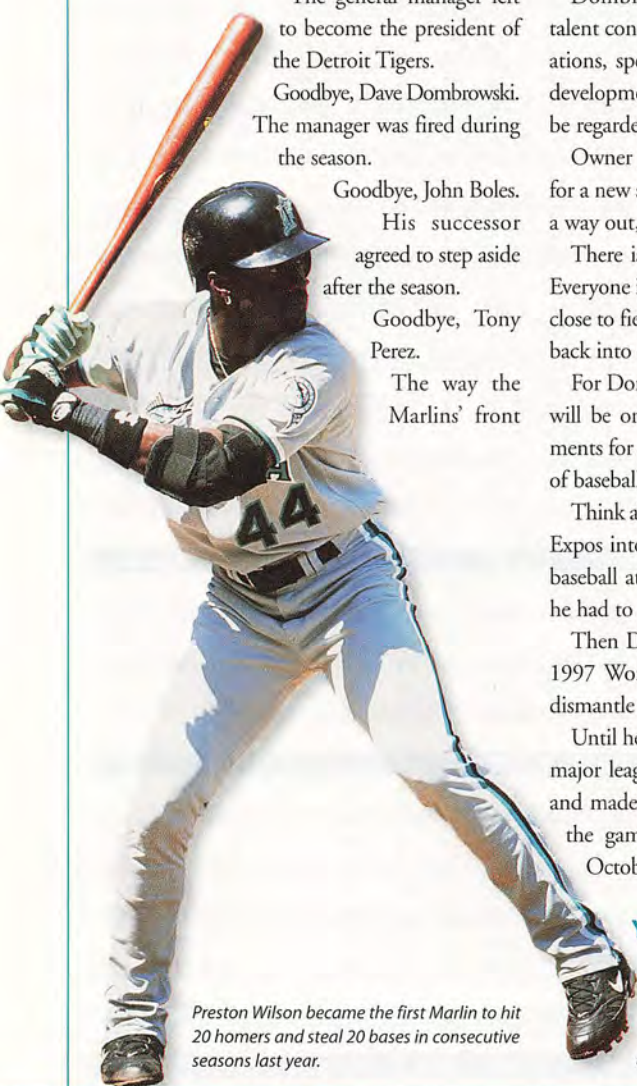
If he isn't the ace by midseason, the amazing right-hander Josh Beckett will be a bit of a disappointment. The 2001 *USA Today* Minor Leaguer of the Year is compared with Kerry Wood because, like Wood, he blazed his way from Texas high school glory in less than three years. Each came in as a power pitcher with daunting stuff, both a worthy heir to the tradition of Texas fireballers from David Clyde to Nolan Ryan to Greg Swindell to Roger Clemens to Todd Van Poppel.

Beckett's stuff is better. He showed how in four starts after he was called up in August. Beckett was 2-2 with a 1.50 ERA and 24 strikeouts in 24 innings. Look for more of the same.

His rise bumps Ryan Dempster (15-12, 4.94 ERA) from the role as staff ace. He had kind of relinquished the role with a slight decline last season. There is no reason to think the crafty Canadian won't rebound.

There is no reason to think the other starters, youngsters all, won't get better.

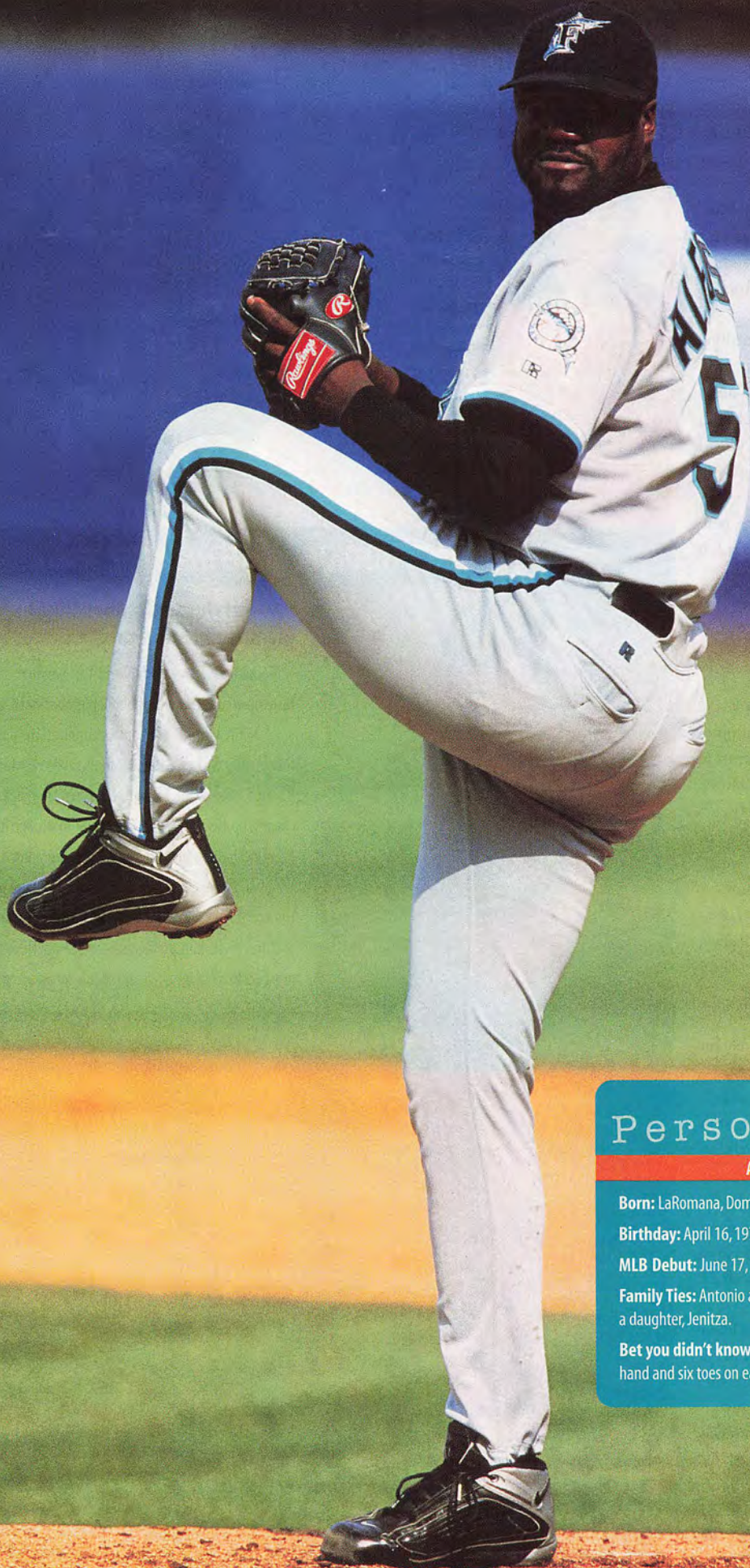
Much ado has been made about the quirky tastes of right-hander A.J. Burnett (11-12, 4.05). He pierces his nipples and thrills to heavy metal, but on the mound he shows heavy mettle. He



Preston Wilson became the first Marlin to hit 20 homers and steal 20 bases in consecutive seasons last year.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.264	6	RUNS	742	10	FIELDING	.983	6
TOTAL BASES	2344	6	HOME RUNS	166	11	ERA	4.32	9
SLUGGING	.423	9	STOLEN BASES	89	8	SAVES	32	13
ON-BASE %	.326	9	LEFT ON BASE	1117	8	OPP. BA	.257	6



Personnel File

ANTONIO ALFONSECA

Born: LaRomana, Dominican Republic

Birthday: April 16, 1972

MLB Debut: June 17, 1997

Family Ties: Antonio and his wife, Rocio, have a son, Antonio Jr., and a daughter, Jenitza.

Bet you didn't know that ... Antonio has six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.

threw a no-hitter last season. There is more where that came from.

Brad Penny was a fine pickup from Arizona in the Matt Mantei deal. Penny, a right-hander (10-10, 3.69), had several superb starts to show his capabilities.

The same goes for right-hander **Matt Clement**, obtained from San Diego last year in the Mark Kotsay trade. Clement's stuff is "filthy," as players often mutter walking back to the dugout.

There is room for and a need for something better from the bullpen, which was 13th in saves last season, 11th in ERA. **Antonio Alfonseca** did a fine job as closer (28 saves in 34 tries) and, given the fact he has a sixth finger, really, he held up well to the jokes like, "The Marlins will never be short-handed in the pen."

The Marlins *were* short-handed in the pen. They need and expect more from **Braden Looper** and an uninspired cast of setup men.

The Marlins have been built on homegrown talent, but a lot of the homies were sent out for help.

Offense searches for consistency

Sullen shortstop **Alex Gonzalez** could someday win a Gold Glove if he bears down. He treats the job like it's punishment, and it shows.

First baseman **Derrek Lee** (.282, 21 HR, 75 RBI) could be a formidable force if he did not strike out so much (126 times last year). Homegrown **Nate Rolison** could push him.

One player who has grown at least as fast as Lee is third baseman **Mike Lowell**. Originally a Yankees farmhand, Lowell came on last season to hit .283 with 18 homers and 100 RBI.

Second baseman **Luis Castillo** is one of the more underrated players at his position. He hit .263 and stole 33 bags last year.

The Marlins player who was most disappointing last year was center fielder **Preston Wilson**. He was a 30-30 player (31 homers, 36 steals) with 121 RBI in 2000. He barely made 20-20 (23 homers, 20 steals with a drop of 50 RBI to 71). When he is on, so are the Marlins.

That's especially true if left fielder **Cliff Floyd** is healthy and strong. Floyd batted .317 with 31 homers and 103 RBI last season.

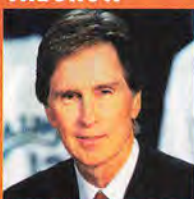
Right fielder **Kevin Millar** once looked like a career minor leaguer. Last year he looked like a career slugger (.314, 20, 85). He has always hit, so there is no reason to think he will regress.

There is every reason to think the Marlins will progress. No way do they finish 10th in the N.L. in scoring again. No way are they going to finish ninth in ERA. A good bump forward in each category and you're looking at a contender. ■

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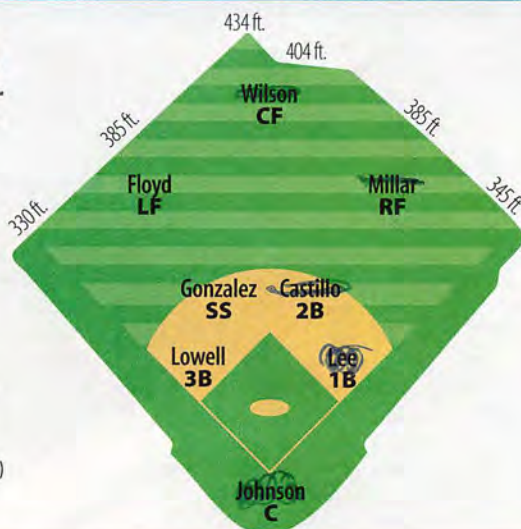


ROTATION

Beckett (RH)
Dempster (RH)
Burnett (RH)
Penny (RH)
Clement (RH)

BULLPEN

Alfonseca (RH)
Looper (RH)
Almanza (LH)
Darensbourg (LH)
Nunez (RH)
Smith (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: JOSH BECKETT



Successful September stint hasn't dampened 'can't-miss' expectations

Beckett gave the Marlins and the National League a taste of what is coming in four September starts, posting a 1.50 ERA with a strikeout per inning. He possesses four quality pitches, with a 95-mph, four-seam fastball, a 93-mph, two-seam fastball, a diving curveball and a change-up. His delivery is clean and smooth, and he holds his velocity throughout the game. His command is exceptional and he will use any of his pitches at any point in the count. The only concern may be a tender shoulder that has given him problems each season. He is the top prospect in all of baseball and should be an ace starter.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Josh Beckett, RHP | 6. Blaine Neal, RHP |
| 2. Miguel Cabrera, SS | 7. Allen Baxter, RHP |
| 3. Adrian Gonzalez, 1B | 8. Claudio Vargas, RHP |
| 4. Denny Bautista, RHP | 9. Rob Henkel, LHP |
| 5. Abraham Nunez, OF | 10. Wes Anderson, RHP |

The Marlins have drafted and collected a plethora of superior talent since winning the World Series in 1997, and may be on the brink of challenging again. Beckett should be able to step in immediately and dominate with two plus pitches and the ability to work hitters. Cabrera, 18, was one of the youngest players in the Class A Midwest League, and could be a power-hitting middle infielder if he becomes more patient. Gonzalez proved himself worthy of his draft status by hitting .313-17-103 in his first full season at Class A Kane County. Bautista is extremely gifted, and could be hitting the mid-90s with a topnotch curveball when he fills out his frame.

Nunez has supreme athletic talent with rare strike-zone judgment for a power hitter. He just needs to stay healthy. Neal is the Marlins' closer of the future. He throws 95 mph, with two quality breaking pitches that help him combat hitters from both sides. Baxter, a 2001 third-round pick, has a great fastball and the aggressive mentality to succeed.

Vargas can be downright untouchable when his curveball and sinking fastball are working. He could be ready by mid-season. Henkel shows plenty of polish along with a tough knuckle-curve and a tailing fastball. He will be fast-tracked through the system. Anderson's pitches have extraordinary movement, but throwing the splitter and a stressful delivery put his shoulder under the knife last September.

Middle infielder Pablo Ozuna and 2B/3B Matt Erickson have outside chances of landing bench roles. Right-handers Kevin Olsen, Jason Grilli and Hansel Izquierdo are control pitchers who could get starting assignments in 2002, while LHP Geoff Goetz and RHP Mark Roberts could pick up relief innings.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
57	Antonio Alfonseca	R	R	6-5	238	04/16/72	La Romana, DR	Florida	4-4	3.06	58	0	0	28	61.2	68	15	40
55	Armando Almanza	L	L	6-3	220	10/26/72	El Paso, TX	Florida	2-2	4.83	52	0	0	0	41.0	34	26	45
	Wes Anderson	R	R	6-4	175	09/10/79	Pine Bluff, AR	Brevard Cty (A)	1-6	5.63	8	8	0	0	32.0	48	21	17
								GC-Marlins (R)	0-1	27.00	1	1	0	0	0.1	3	1	0
49	Benito Baez	L	L	6-0	160	05/06/77	Bonao, DR	Calgary (AAA)	7-1	3.03	49	0	0	1	59.1	53	7	56
								Florida	0-0	13.50	8	0	0	0	9.1	22	6	14
61	Josh Beckett	R	R	6-4	190	05/15/80	Austin, TX	Brevard Cty (A)	6-0	1.23	13	12	0	0	65.2	32	15	101
								Portland (AA)	8-1	1.82	13	13	0	0	74.1	50	19	102
								Florida	2-2	1.50	4	4	0	0	24.0	14	11	24
43	A.J. Burnett	R	R	6-5	205	01/03/77	North Little Rock, AR	Brevard Cty (A)	0-0	1.93	2	2	0	0	9.1	4	4	10
								Florida	11-12	4.05	27	27	2	0	173.1	145	83	128
51	Matt Clement	R	R	6-3	195	08/12/74	McCandless Township, PA	Florida	9-10	5.05	31	31	0	0	169.1	172	85	134
22	Vic Darenbourg	L	L	5-10	165	11/13/70	Los Angeles, CA	Florida	1-2	4.25	58	0	0	1	48.2	52	10	33
46	Ryan Dempster	R	R	6-1	201	05/03/77	Sechelt, Canada	Florida	15-12	4.94	34	34	2	0	211.1	218	112	171
	Geoff Goetz	L	L	5-11	163	04/03/79	Pompton Plains, NJ	Portland (AA)	2-2	1.53	25	0	0	0	29.1	22	12	24
37	Jason Grilli	R	R	6-4	185	11/11/76	Royal Oak, MI	GC-Marlins (R)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	4.0	2	0	6
								Portland (AA)	0-1	2.25	1	1	0	0	4.0	3	0	3
								Brevard Cty (A)	2-0	1.98	3	3	0	0	13.2	12	5	14
								Calgary (AAA)	1-2	4.02	8	8	0	0	47.0	46	20	35
								Florida	2-2	6.08	6	5	0	0	26.2	30	11	17
	Hansel Izquierdo	R	R	6-2	205	01/02/77	Havana, Cuba	Kane County (A)	7-1	1.32	24	2	0	2	47.2	27	13	42
								Brevard Cty (A)	2-0	2.70	4	4	0	0	26.2	15	6	22
								Portland (AA)	7-2	3.81	10	9	1	0	56.2	47	10	45
56	Gary Knotts	R	R	6-4	235	02/12/77	Decatur, AL	Calgary (AAA)	6-7	5.46	21	21	1	0	118.2	136	43	104
								Florida	0-1	6.00	2	1	0	0	6.0	7	1	9
41	Braden Looper	R	R	6-5	225	10/28/74	Weatherford, OK	Florida	3-3	3.55	71	0	0	3	71.0	63	30	52
54	Blaine Neal	L	R	6-5	205	04/06/78	Maurelton, NJ	Portland (AA)	2-3	2.36	54	0	0	21	53.1	43	21	45
								Florida	0-0	6.75	4	0	0	0	5.1	7	5	3
36	Vladimir Nunez	R	R	6-4	224	03/15/75	Havana, Cuba	Kane County (A)	0-0	9.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	3	0	0
								Florida	4-5	2.74	52	3	0	0	92.0	79	30	64
56	Kevin Olsen	R	R	6-2	200	07/26/76	Covina, CA	Portland (AA)	10-3	2.68	26	26	2	0	154.2	123	21	144
								Florida	0-0	1.20	4	2	0	0	15.0	11	2	13
31	Brad Penny	R	R	6-4	200	05/24/78	Broken Arrow, OK	Florida	10-10	3.69	31	31	1	0	205.0	183	54	154
45	Chuck Smith	R	R	6-1	185	10/21/69	Memphis, TN	Calgary (AAA)	2-0	2.84	2	2	0	0	12.2	12	2	9
								Brevard Cty (A)	0-0	3.38	2	2	0	0	8.0	7	1	6
								Florida	5-5	4.70	15	15	0	0	88.0	89	35	71
58	Michael Tejera	L	L	5-9	175	10/18/76	Havana, Cuba	Portland (AA)	9-8	3.57	25	25	0	0	141.0	143	41	131
	Nate Teut	R	L	6-7	205	03/11/76	Newton, IA	Iowa (AAA)	13-8	5.12	29	29	0	0	167.0	184	69	125
	Claudio Vargas	R	R	6-3	210	05/19/79	Valverde Mao, DR	Portland (AA)	8-9	4.19	27	27	0	0	159.0	122	67	151

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
17	Ramon Castro	R	R	6-3	225	03/01/76	Vega Baja, Puerto Rico	Calgary (AAA)	.336	108	390	81	131	33	0	27	90	1
								Florida	.182	7	11	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
23	Charles Johnson	R	R	6-2	220	07/20/71	Fort Pierce, FL	Florida	.259	128	451	51	117	32	0	18	75	0
52	Mike Redmond	R	R	6-1	185	05/05/71	Seattle, WA	Florida	.312	48	141	19	44	4	0	4	14	0

#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
1	Luis Castillo	S	R	5-11	175	09/12/75	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Florida	.263	134	537	76	141	16	10	2	45	33
6	Andy Fox	L	R	6-4	202	01/12/71	Sacramento, CA	Calgary (AAA)	.429	11	42	10	18	2	1	2	8	1
								Florida	.185	54	81	8	15	0	1	3	7	1
11	Alex Gonzalez	R	R	6-0	170	02/15/77	Cagua, Venezuela	Florida	.250	145	515	57	129	36	1	9	48	2
25	Derrek Lee	R	R	6-5	225	09/06/75	Sacramento, CA	Florida	.282	158	561	83	158	37	4	21	75	4
19	Mike Lowell	R	R	6-4	205	02/24/74	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Florida	.283	146	551	65	156	37	0	18	100	1
3	Pablo Ozuna	R	R	6-0	160	08/25/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Did Not Play										
26	Nate Rolison	L	R	6-6	240	03/27/77	Hattiesburg, MS	GC-Marlins (R)	.500	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
								Portland (AA)	.211	5	19	1	4	1	0	0	2	0
								Calgary (AAA)	.167	3	12	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
								Brevard Cty (A)	.378	14	45	7	17	3	0	1	6	0

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Chip Ambres	R	R	6-1	190	12/19/79	Beaumont, TX	Kane County (A)	.265	96	377	79	100	26	8	5	41	19
30	Cliff Floyd	L	R	6-4	235	12/05/72	Chicago, IL	Florida	.317	149	555	123	176	44	4	31	103	18
15	Kevin Millar	R	R	6-0	210	09/24/71	Los Angeles, CA	Florida	.314	144	449	62	141	39	5	20	85	0
65	Abraham Nunez	S	R	6-2	186	02/05/80	Haina, DR	Portland (AA)	.240	136	467	75	112	14	9	17	53	26
4	Eric Owens	R	R	6-0	198	02/03/71	Danville, VA	Calgary (AAA)	.267	3	15	2	4	2	0	0	2	1
								Florida	.253	119	400	51	101	16	1	5	28	8
44	Preston Wilson	R	R	6-2	193	07/19/74	Bamberg, SC	Calgary (AAA)	.500	4	10	3	5	2	0	0	1	2
								Florida	.274	123	468	70	128	30	2	23	71	20

N L E A S T

The beat goes on with Maddux, Glavine and Smoltz, but Braves hope Sheffield provides an offense.

The Braves have on occasion been heard to refer in past tense to their glorious reign over the N.L. East, if not the entire National League. This might be the year that such doom and gloom is appropriate.

In the last two years the New York Mets, and then the Philadelphia Phillies, proved themselves to be, at last, reasonable challengers. The Braves' task now is not to fend off those two teams alone. Florida and perhaps Montreal, regardless of the status of the franchise, could fight into the mix.

Chipper's change

Not since 1991 have the Braves entered a season in such flux. Newcomer (and former Brave) Vinny Castilla is in at third, with Chipper Jones moving to left field and offseason trading prize Gary Sheffield taking over in right.

The top two spots in the rotation are in capable hands again, as they have been for a decade. But even ace right-hander Greg Maddux (17-11, 3.05 ERA) and ace left-hander Tom Glavine (16-7, 3.57) can no longer claim to be the best one-two starting combination in the N.L., let alone the majors—not when Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling toil in Arizona.

Right-hander John Burkett (12-12, 3.04) signed as a free agent with Boston. Righty Kevin Millwood (7-7, 4.31) looks to regain his form of 1998-99 (35-15 combined). Right-handers Jason Marquis and Albie Lopez will fill the fourth and fifth spots, respectively.

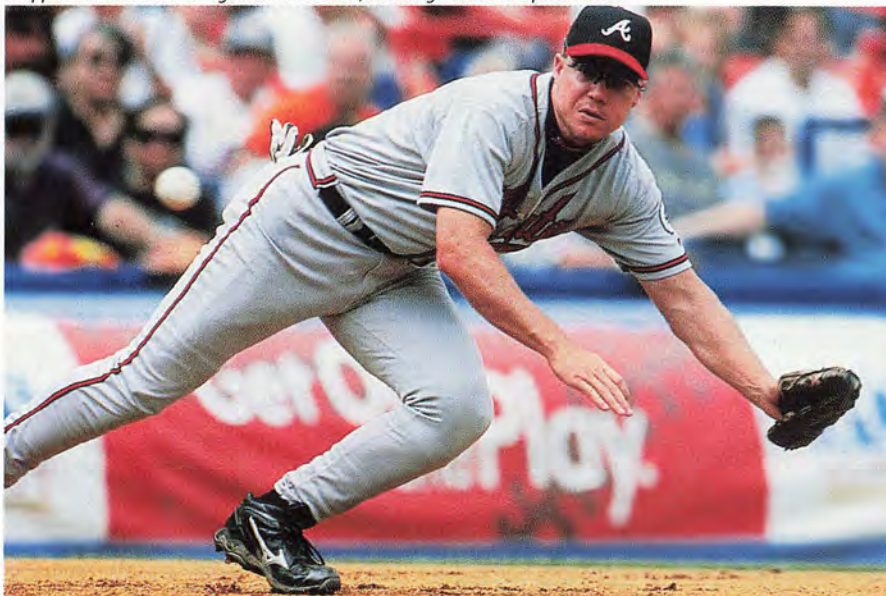
Smoltz smokin' as closer

The Braves fought to keep their strong and deep bullpen together in the face of free agency. Righty John Smoltz moved into the closing role



The Braves missed Rafael Furcal's explosiveness at the top of the order after he was lost for the season with a separated shoulder in early July.

Chipper Jones hit a career-high .330 last season, including .419 from September on.



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CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.260	9	RUNS	729	13	FIELDING	.983	7
TOTAL BASES	2265	12	HOME RUNS	174	10	ERA	3.59	1
SLUGGING	.412	12	STOLEN BASES	85	10	SAVES	41	7
ON-BASE %	.324	11	LEFT ON BASE	1095	5	OPP. BA	.250	3

over the last two months and prospered with 10 saves in 11 tries and a 1.59 ERA out of the pen. He stayed for \$30 million over three years.

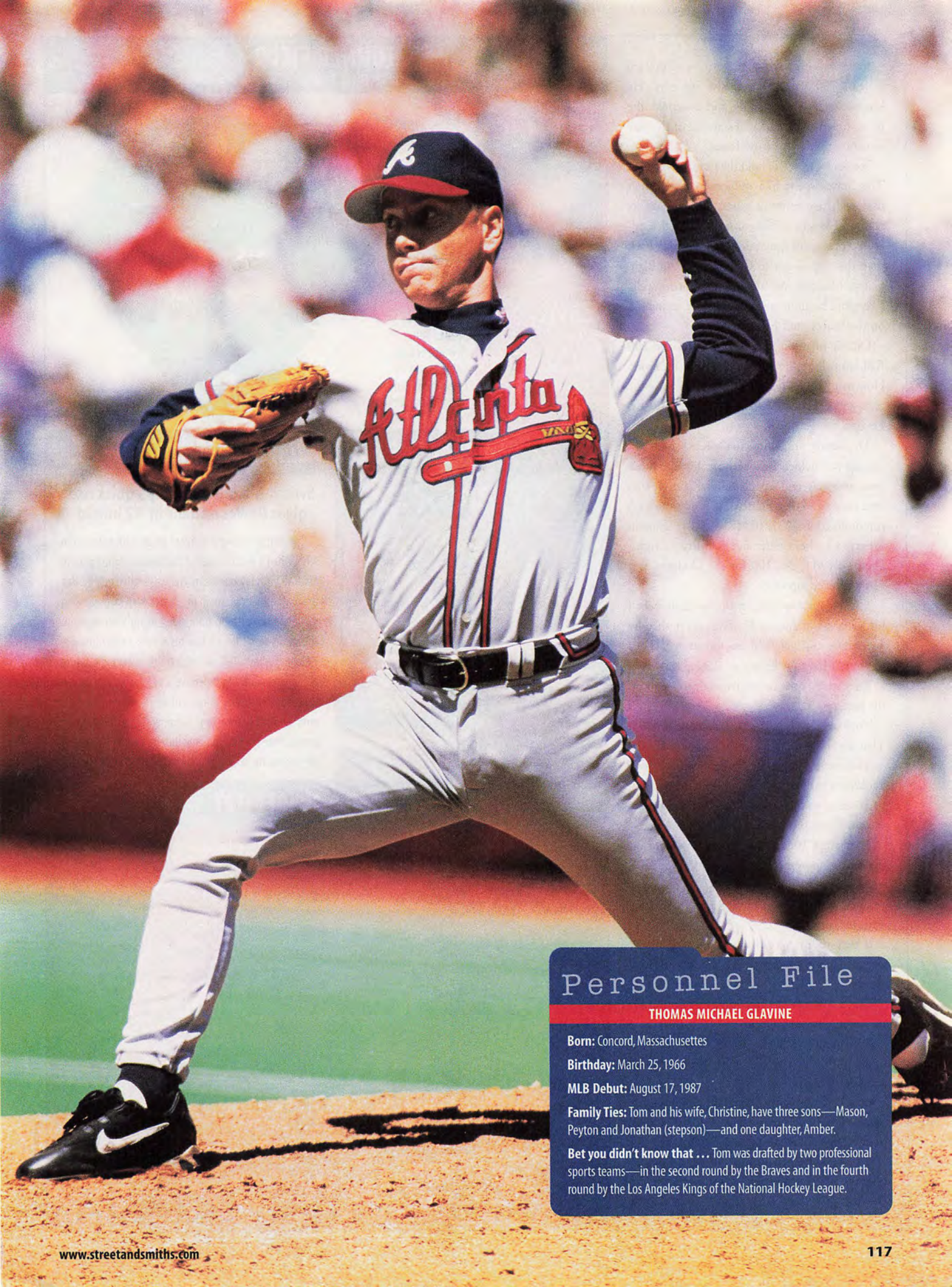
Right-hander Steve Karsay was magnificent in a setup role, but he left for (gasp!) the Yankees. Righty Mike Remlinger is back. His option for this season was picked up. Keep an eye on newcomer Tim Lincecum, whose stuff paralyzes hitters.

The Braves wish they could make one catcher from Javy Lopez and Eddie Perez. He'd have the power of Lopez and the defensive ability of Perez. Both tested free agency, but Lopez came back for \$8 million. Paul Bako (.212) came back. The Braves need a first-rate, all-around catcher. Prospect Brayan Pena might be the guy, but the Cuban escapee played in the Appalachian Rookie League last year.

Ageless (44?) Julio Franco finished the season at first base. He is not in the class of Fred McGriff, Ryan Klesko, Andres Galarraga or even Sid Bream, all of whom held the job in the '90s.

Rafael's return

The middle-infield muddle figures to be decided in camp. Shortstop Rafael Furcal, N.L. Rookie of the Year in 2000, is back from a lost half-season (shoulder surgery). Second baseman Marcus Giles impressed with his bat last year. The club's best ready-to-go prospect is Wilson Betemit, who's best played at short.



Personnel File

THOMAS MICHAEL GLAVINE

Born: Concord, Massachusetts

Birthday: March 25, 1966

MLB Debut: August 17, 1987

Family Ties: Tom and his wife, Christine, have three sons—Mason, Peyton and Jonathan (stepson)—and one daughter, Amber.

Bet you didn't know that ... Tom was drafted by two professional sports teams—in the second round by the Braves and in the fourth round by the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League.

Jones had his sixth consecutive season with at least 100 RBI. It's exclusive territory. He knows he has iron hands and accepted the move to left, where he will stay out of the way of center fielder **Andruw Jones**.

You know who will hold the outfield together. The Braves spent \$75 million to ensure that they will have Jones in center for the next six seasons. He is by acclimation the finest defender in center of his generation, if not farther back than that. Apologies to Curt Flood, Paul Blair, Garry Maddux or anyone else post-Willie Mays, but he alone must account for saving .25 on the Braves' staff ERA.

Did we mention he hits 30 homers and 100 RBI annually, although Braves fans want more. How many center fielders do what he does at the plate and in center? Griffey? Usually. Edmonds? He has. You get the idea.

The Braves are contractually stuck with last season's left fielder, **B.J. Surhoff**, for one more year, and may end up platooning him at first base with the ageless Franco. He is not much on run production (.271, 10 HR, 58 RBI). Though expected to be a defensive liability in right, Sheffield (.311, 36, 100 for the Dodgers) is a run-producer supreme.

The Braves tend to scrimp on their bench until July 31 or August 31. They get pushed by a deadline and get help for the stretch. They might not have the luxury of waiting this year.

They surely can't be passive at the plate or on the bases.

They were 11th in the N.L. in steals with 85. That figure should swell with Furcal back.

They were 10th in on-base percentage. The Yankees have done so well over the years working deep counts to their favor. There is no reason the veteran hitters on the Braves can't do the same.

They were 10th in homers, a statement on the lack of power from the basic power positions (left, right and first base).

They were ninth in hitting and an abysmal 13th in scoring.

If they didn't have the best pitching in the league—and they do—they'd be looking like also-rans.

This is a team that can anticipate turnover for the future for three reasons:

■ General Manager John Schuerholz is mulling a reduced role and succession by his assistant, Frank Wren.

■ AOL Time Warner owns the team and has squeezed the budget some already and will squeeze more. (Where have you gone, Ted Turner?)

■ Players are not immortal. Maddux and Glavine won't roll on a lot longer. Will the Braves?

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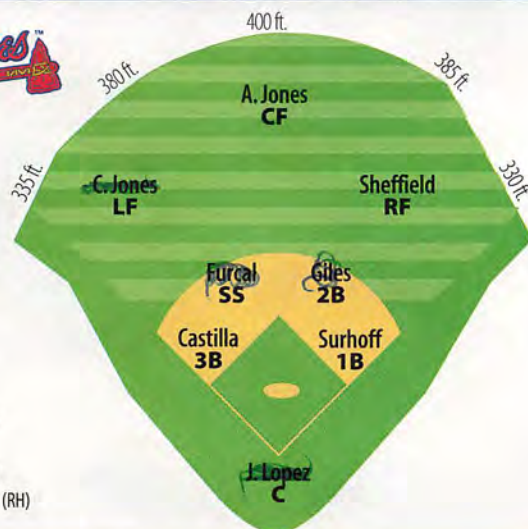


ROTATION

Maddux (RH)
Glavine (LH)
Millwood (RH)
Marquis (RH)
A. Lopez (RH)

BULLPEN

Smoltz (RH)
Remlinger (LH)
Cabrera (RH)
Ligtenberg (RH)
Spooneybarger (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: WILSON BETEMIT



Switch-hitting shortstop's quick rise gives Braves options in '02 infield

The switch-hitting Dominican made national news in 1999 when it was discovered that he was signed prior to his 16th birthday, but the matter was settled quietly. He's the most athletic player in the Braves' system, possessing moderate power from both sides, along with excellent speed. He hasn't grown into his 6-foot-2 body just yet, weighing about 160 pounds, which makes his future even more promising. Defensively, he has the tools to play shortstop, but needs to concentrate more to reduce his error total. His strike-zone judgment (0.33 BB/K ratio) and defense may be the only things keeping him out of the majors. He will be given time to correct those things.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Wilson Betemit, SS | 6. Carlos Duran, OF |
| 2. Adam Wainwright, RHP | 7. Kenny Nelson, RHP |
| 3. Matt Belisle, RHP | 8. Tim Spooner, RHP |
| 4. Brett Evert, RHP | 9. Jung Bong, LHP |
| 5. Kelly Johnson, SS | 10. Ryan Langerhans, OF |

The Braves continue to field a strong stable of minor league pitchers, but their philosophy of focusing strictly on athletes as hitters hasn't paid the same dividends. Betemit may be the exception, however, as he has the ability to handle shortstop but his bat and size (6-foot-2) may allow him to move to the hot corner down the road. Wainwright and Evert flourished in the low minors, both sporting low-90s fastballs. Each has some major league potential with their size (6-6), and only need experience and perfection of their complementary pitches.

Belisle can get his fastball to 96 mph, and has a hard curveball, but he missed the entire 2001 season with back

problems. He was impressive in the instructional league. Johnson erupted offensively (23 HR/25 SB) after strengthening his upper body and improving his plate discipline, but will likely move away from shortstop. The multi-talented Duran has plus speed and power potential, with the ability to play center field, but is several years from the majors.

Nelson improved his command and pitching skills in Class A, and operates with a 94-mph fastball and power curveball. Spooner will likely make the Atlanta bullpen, and has two plus pitches with an exploding fastball and curve. Korean Bong gets overlooked due to average velocity, but his command and ability to work hitters makes him a winner. Langerhans has a smooth, left-handed swing and is a player who could improve quickly once he gets stronger.

Outfielders Cory Aldridge and George Lombard are athletic types who have "fourth outfielder" written all over them. One will likely make the Braves' roster. Left-hander John Foster and RHP Billy Sylvester have an outside chance of earning setup roles.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Jung Bong	L	L	6-3	175	07/15/80	Seoul, Korea	Myrtle Beach (A)	13-9	3.00	28	28	0	0	168.0	151	47	145
32	Jose Cabrera	R	R	6-0	180	03/24/72	Santiago, DR	Atlanta	7-4	2.88	55	0	0	2	59.1	52	25	43
	John Ennis	R	R	6-5	220	10/17/79	Montrose, CO	Myrtle Beach (A)	6-8	3.58	25	25	1	0	138.1	111	45	144
	John Foster	L	L	6-0	200	05/17/78	Stockton, CA	Greenville (AA)	8-7	3.01	50	0	0	7	68.2	71	33	63
47	Tom Glavine	L	L	6-0	185	03/25/66	Concord, MA	Atlanta	16-7	3.57	35	35	1	0	219.1	213	97	116
71	Derrick Lewis	R	R	6-5	215	05/07/76	Montgomery, AL	Richmond (AAA)	4-4	4.45	12	12	0	0	60.2	50	37	50
46	Kerry Ligtenberg	R	R	6-2	215	05/11/71	Rapid City, SD	Richmond (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	1	2
								Atlanta	3-3	3.02	53	0	0	1	59.2	50	30	56
	Albie Lopez	R	R	6-2	230	06/18/71	Mesa, AZ	Arizona	4-7	4.00	13	13	2	0	81.0	74	24	69
31	Greg Maddux	R	R	6-0	185	04/14/66	San Angelo, TX	Atlanta	17-11	3.05	34	34	3	0	233.0	220	27	173
38	Jason Marquis	L	R	6-1	185	08/21/78	Manhasset, NY	Atlanta	5-6	3.48	38	16	0	0	129.1	113	59	98
34	Kevin Millwood	R	R	6-4	220	12/24/74	Gastonia, NC	Macon (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	0	0	5
								Greenville (AA)	0-1	4.50	2	2	0	0	10.0	9	3	10
								Atlanta	7-7	4.31	21	21	0	0	121.0	121	40	84
27	Damian Moss	R	L	6-0	187	11/24/76	Darlinghurst, Australia	Greenville (AA)	0-1	3.00	3	2	0	0	9.0	7	0	10
								Richmond (AAA)	5-4	3.15	17	16	0	0	88.2	75	38	94
								Atlanta	0-0	3.00	5	1	0	0	9.0	3	9	8
	Horacio Ramirez	L	L	6-1	170	11/24/79	Carson, CA	Greenville (AA)	1-1	4.91	3	3	0	0	14.2	17	8	17
37	Mike Remlinger	L	L	6-1	210	03/23/66	Middletown, NY	Atlanta	3-3	2.76	74	0	0	1	75.0	67	23	93
29	John Smoltz	R	R	6-3	220	05/15/67	Warren, MI	Macon (A)	0-0	1.80	1	1	0	0	5.0	4	0	5
								Greenville (AA)	0-0	0.00	3	1	0	0	6.0	3	0	6
								Atlanta	3-3	3.36	36	5	0	10	59.0	53	10	57
49	Scott Sobkowiak	R	R	6-5	230	10/26/77	Woodstock, IL	GC-Braves (R)	0-0	1.29	2	2	0	0	7.0	4	1	11
								Greenville (AA)	2-5	5.54	12	12	0	0	65.0	71	40	48
								Atlanta	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	0	1.0	2	0	0
43	Tim Spooneybarger	R	R	6-3	190	10/21/79	San Diego, CA	Greenville (AA)	1-1	5.14	15	0	0	0	21.0	20	4	24
								Richmond (AAA)	3-0	0.71	42	0	0	5	50.2	33	21	58
								Atlanta	0-1	2.25	4	0	0	0	4.0	5	2	3
	Billy Sylvester	R	R	6-5	218	10/01/76	Darlington, SC	Greenville (AA)	1-0	2.37	26	0	0	12	30.1	18	24	41
								Richmond (AAA)	0-4	5.11	36	0	0	11	37.0	28	27	41

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
9	Paul Bako	L	R	6-2	205	06/20/72	Lafayette, LA	Atlanta	.212	61	137	19	29	10	1	2	15	1
8	Javy Lopez	R	R	6-3	200	11/05/70	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Atlanta	.267	128	438	45	117	16	1	17	66	1
12	Eddie Perez	R	R	6-1	185	05/04/68	Ciudad Ojeda, Venezuela	Did Not Play										
50	Steve Torrealba	R	R	6-0	175	02/24/78	Barquisimeto, Venezuela	Greenville (AA)	.271	90	295	37	80	21	0	8	34	0
								Atlanta	.500	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
30	Wilson Betemit	S	R	6-2	155	11/02/81	Santo Domingo, DR	Myrtle Beach (A)	.277	84	318	38	88	20	1	7	43	8
								Greenville (AA)	.355	47	183	22	65	14	0	5	19	6
								Atlanta	.000	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
19	Vinny Castilla	R	R	6-1	205	07/04/67	Oaxaca, Mexico	Tampa Bay	.215	24	93	7	20	6	0	2	9	0
								Houston	.270	122	445	62	120	28	1	23	82	1
16	Mark DeRosa	R	R	6-1	195	02/26/75	Passaic, NJ	Richmond (AAA)	.296	49	186	31	55	18	0	2	17	7
								Atlanta	.287	66	164	27	47	8	0	3	20	2
4	Julio Franco	R	R	6-1	188	08/23/61	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Atlanta	.300	25	90	13	27	4	0	3	11	0
1	Rafael Furcal	S	R	5-10	165	08/24/80	Loma de Cabrera, DR	Atlanta	.275	79	324	39	89	19	0	4	30	22
22	Jesse Garcia	R	R	5-10	171	09/24/73	Corpus Christi, TX	Richmond (AAA)	.267	105	375	50	100	22	3	2	22	18
								Atlanta	.200	22	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	6
24	Marcus Giles	R	R	5-8	180	05/18/78	San Diego, CA	Richmond (AAA)	.333	67	252	48	84	19	1	6	44	13
								Atlanta	.262	68	244	36	64	10	2	9	31	2
	Nick Green	R	R	6-0	178	09/10/78	Pensacola, FL	Richmond (AAA)	.200	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
								Myrtle Beach (A)	.266	80	297	49	79	18	1	10	42	9
18	Wes Helms	R	R	6-4	230	05/12/76	Gastonia, NC	Atlanta	.222	100	216	28	48	10	3	10	36	1
10	Chipper Jones	S	R	6-4	210	04/24/72	Deland, FL	Atlanta	.330	159	572	113	189	33	5	38	102	9
	Travis Wilson	R	R	6-2	185	07/10/77	Christchurch, New Zealand	Greenville (AA)	.325	31	123	13	40	8	1	2	21	2
								Richmond (AAA)	.243	103	383	34	93	22	3	3	38	4

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
40	Cory Aldridge	L	R	6-0	210	06/13/79	San Angelo, TX	Greenville (AA)	.246	131	452	57	111	19	2	19	56	12
								Atlanta	.000	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Andruw Jones	R	R	6-1	210	04/23/77	Willemstad, Curacao	Atlanta	.251	161	625	104	157	25	2	34	104	11
	Ryan Langerhans	L	L	6-3	195	02/20/80	San Antonio, TX	Myrtle Beach (A)	.287	125	450	66	129	30	3	7	48	22
26	George Lombard	L	R	6-0	212	09/14/75	Atlanta, GA	Richmond (AAA)	.318	13	44	7	14	2	1	4	8	3
14	Dave Martinez	L	L	5-10	175	09/26/64	New York, NY	Atlanta	.287	120	237	33	68	11	3	2	20	3
	Gary Sheffield	R	R	5-11	205	11/18/68	Tampa, FL	Los Angeles	.311	143	515	98	160	28	2	36	100	10
15	B.J. Surhoff	L	R	6-1	200	08/04/64	Bronx, NY	Atlanta	.271	141	484	68	131	33	1	10	58	9

Philadelphia Phillies

Farm system paying big dividends for Phils, but pitching is unlikely to hold up over the long haul.

Philadelphia Phillies management was perplexed last season when attendance got no real boost from the club's climb into contention.

The Phillies hired a hero from the club's past, Larry Bowa, to be manager.

The club was finalizing plans to build a new, downtown ballpark with all the bells and whistles other new, urban ballparks are getting.

The club unveiled some impressive youngsters, most notably shortstop **Jimmy Rollins** and right-hander **Brandon Duckworth**.

Management failed to count on the long memories and born-with skepticism of the Philly fans. The fans noticed the fabulous season right-hander Curt Schilling had. The frugal Phillies traded Schilling to Arizona when he approached a free-agent payday. The club got back a bag of trinkets, mediocre first baseman Travis Lee (.258, 20 HR, 90 RBI), swingman Nelson Figueroa, unpolished prospect Vicente Padilla and left-hander Omar Daal, traded in the offseason for two non-prospects from Los Angeles.

Rolen expected to depart

It wasn't much, not for the co-MVP of the World Series. What outrage would team President David Montgomery and General Manager Ed Wade create next? No way they'd move the face of the new-look Phillies—Gold Glove, big-bat third baseman **Scott Rolen**.

Bad call there, Liberty Bell breath. Once Rolen said he would play out this season and test free agency, his fate was sealed. The Phillies appear to be digging into their bunker and taking offers to trade him now, while there is still a return to be had.

The impact on the turnstiles will be obvious.

The enthusiasm with which the players played last year—despite their thinly concealed dislike

for Bowa—will take a downturn. If management won't work to build a winner, the players will wonder why they should.

Seattle overcame the loss of Randy Johnson, Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez in three successive seasons. The difference is the Mariners traded well for Johnson and Junior. The Phillies traded poorly for Schilling, and no one believes they will trade well for Rolen.

Last season, Rolen (.289, 25, 107) was burned by insensitive barbs from Bowa and Montgomery. He took the high road. Now that road could lead him out of town.

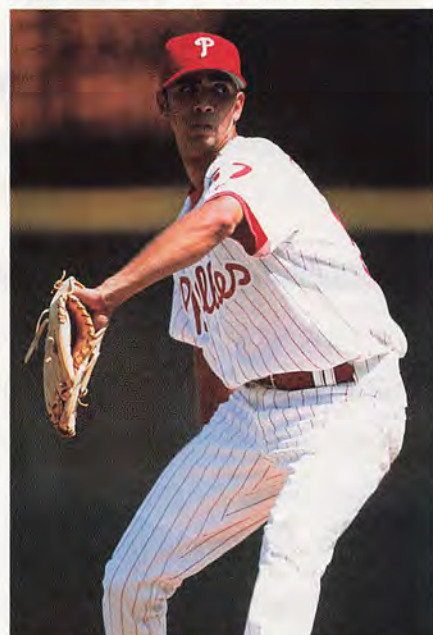
Approaching him in popularity is Rollins (.274, 46 steals), whose range is substantial. Second baseman **Marlon Anderson** (.293) clicked in his second shot at the majors. Lee showed a fine glove but not the bat you want at first base.

Pat Burrell (.258, 27, 89) has the bat you would like to see from any position. He's back in left field. **Doug Glanville** (.262, 28 steals) is back in center, perhaps for one last season. The Phillies' best everyday prospect is center fielder **Marlon Byrd**, and Triple-A center fielder **Reggie Taylor** is a talent.

The Phillies' best player might just be right fielder **Bobby Abreu**. His credentials at the plate (.289, 31, 110) and on the bases (36 steals) are irrefutable. He also ranked among the top N.L. outfielders in assists.

Lieberthal's return big plus

One certainty—as certain as anything in baseball—is the Phillies' catching will get an upgrade. No one is being imported, but **Mike Lieberthal** is back from a season-long knee injury after being an All-Star in 1999 and 2000. He calls a good game, can throw out runners and hit 74 home runs from 1997 to 2000.



Bobby Abreu (top) became the first player in franchise history to join the 30/30 club, while surprising Nelson Figueroa had the fifth-best ERA among N.L. rookie pitchers (3.94).

An indication of how much Lieberthal was missed is the club's catching last year. The Phils rushed prospect **Johnny Estrada** to the big leagues. He was overmatched at the plate (.228). Philly then signed journeyman **Todd Pratt**. He didn't hit, either. Even longtime Phillies farmhand **Gary Bennett** and well-traveled **Matt Walbeck** were in on the action.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.260	10	RUNS	746	9	FIELDING	.985	2
TOTAL BASES	2276	11	HOME RUNS	164	12	ERA	4.15	6
SLUGGING	.414	11	STOLEN BASES	153	1	SAVES	47	3
ON-BASE %	.329	8	LEFT ON BASE	1157	11	OPR. BA	.259	9



Personnel File

DOUGLAS METUNWA GLANVILLE

Born: Hackensack, New Jersey

Birthday: August 25, 1970

MLB Debut: June 9, 1996

Family Ties: Older brother, Ken

Bet you didn't know that . . . Doug is one of the few Ivy League graduates in the major leagues. With a 3.3 grade-point average, he earned a bachelor's degree in science and engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

The staff they handled was not too shabby. The starters were eighth in ERA. The relievers were fifth. The staff was sixth overall.

It is rarer than rare for a team to reach the postseason without at least one clear-cut ace, a Johnson and/or a Schilling, a Maddux/Glavine, Clemens/Mussina and so on. The Phillies tried and failed to be an exception.

Robert Person (15-7, 4.19 ERA) claimed status as the No. 1 starter, but he'd be a No. 3 on many staffs. What he did was by far his career best, which raises questions about his ability to have a comparable season this year. One potential bit of hope: He was 3-1 with a 3.27 ERA in his last six starts, almost all meaningful games, all against N.L. East opposition.

Left-hander **Randy Wolf** was streaky, but he finished 10-11, 3.70 with signs of better things to come. Most every team talking trade asked about him.

Every team asked about Duckworth (3-2, 3.52). He was 13-2 in Triple-A when the Phillies summoned him on August 7. He has the arm and guile to be a strong starter in the bigs.

Figueroa (4-5, 3.94) should be back in the rotation, possibly with power-arm righty Padilla, who took well to a conversion to starter after a demotion to the minors last year. Fighting for the fifth spot will be **David Coggin**, who was very impressive at times during a 6-7, 4.17 rookie outing.

Keep an eye out for the arrival of right-hander **Brett Myers**, a former first-round pick who has looked every bit the potential No. 1 starter the Phillies have hankered for since Schilling.

The Mesa Miracle

The Phillies also longed for a closer and found one, to the surprise of everyone except Bowa and Wade, in **Jose Mesa** (3-3, 2.34, 42 saves). He's signed through next year on a two-year deal that was greeted with the vitriol Philly is known for. He had a 5.36 ERA in a setup role in Seattle in 2000. Bowa was there, an M's coach. What was he thinking?

He knew he needed Mesa and Mesa needed (and still needs) him.

The setup staff is deep but not necessarily accomplished. From the right side, **Turk Wendell** paid the price for all his many appearances with the Mets between 1997 and 2001. His elbow blew out in September. Rookie **Doug Nickle** might get a spot this year after going 9-3, 1.68 at Triple-A last season. **Jose Santiago** and **Cliff Politte** will vie for innings. From the left side, **Rheal Cormier** is quite capable.

With the lack of certainty or top-shelf efforts from the rotation, Bowa can and will use all the help he can get from his pen. ■

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Figueroa (RH)
Coggin (RH)

BULLPEN

Mesa (RH)
Santiago (RH)
Cormier (LH)
Politte (RH)
Padilla (RH)
Wendell (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: MARLON BYRD



Power/speed package makes outfielder potential 30/30 man

This stocky outfielder is one of the hardest working and most exciting players in the minors. Not blessed with an abundance of tools, he has taken each individual skill and worked it to the point that he is above average in every phase. He has a wonderful power/speed package that allowed him to hit 28 homers and steal 32 bases, along with hitting .316, at the Double-A level last season. His arm strength has improved with physical maturity, and what he lacks in overall range he makes up for by getting excellent jumps in center field. There isn't an immediate opening in Philadelphia, but he'll be the starter in 2003.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Brett Myers, RHP
2. Marlon Byrd, OF
3. Gavin Floyd, RHP
4. Anderson Machado, SS
5. Jorge Padilla, OF
6. Ryan Madson, RHP
7. Chase Utley, 2B
8. Franklin Nunez, RHP
9. Eric Valent, OF
10. Doug Nickle, RHP

General Manager Ed Wade as done a credible job of resurrecting a poor farm system, with the Phillies quietly producing quality major league players. Myers gets excellent movement and velocity with all of his pitches—and has a nasty competitive disposition—but needs to set up his pitches better. Byrd offers more power (.555 slugging percentage at Double-A) and on-base capability (.386 OBP) than Doug Glanville and would be much more effective. Floyd was the top high school pitcher in the 2001 draft. He has a solid body and two quality pitches in a 95-mph fastball and curveball.

Machado is a smooth fielder at shortstop, and the switch-hitter is beginning to hit with more authority (.261

at high Class A). Padilla has made gradual improvements to his offense each season and has the capability to be a solid offensive threat at his physical peak. Madson, at 6-foot-7, has had difficulty finding consistency with his delivery, but he will be tough to hit once he figures it out. Utley has moderate power and speed, and did improve defensively, but must find a way to get on base.

Nunez has the best fastball (96 mph) in the system and Nickle has a tantalizing knuckle-curve that is tough to hit. Both pitchers turned their careers around by moving to relief and could be part of the Philadelphia bullpen in 2002. The Phillies used Valent as their extra hitter during interleague play, and he could make the club as a fourth outfielder/back-up first baseman.

Outfielders Reggie Taylor and Jason Michaels have enough power, speed and defense to be adequate fourth outfielders, with SS/2B Nick Punto shooting for a utility role. Left-hander Tom Jacquez could make the Phillies' bullpen in a setup capacity.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Brad Baisley	R	R	6-9	200	08/24/79	Dade City, FL	Clearwater (A)	2-4	3.78	11	9	0	0	64.1	59	18	43
								Reading (AA)	5-4	6.50	12	10	0	0	62.1	82	14	37
48	Dave Coggin	R	R	6-4	195	10/30/76	Covina, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	5-5	3.05	15	15	0	0	97.1	93	31	53
								Philadelphia	6-7	4.17	17	17	0	0	95.0	99	39	62
	Jesus Cordero	R	R	6-2	195	05/05/79	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Wilmington (A)	8-4	2.47	33	1	0	9	69.1	49	25	56
								Vero Beach (A)	0-1	4.32	4	1	0	0	8.1	7	3	10
37	Rheal Cormier	L	L	5-10	187	04/23/67	Moncton, Canada	Reading (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	2.0	0	1	2
								Philadelphia	5-6	4.21	60	0	0	1	51.1	49	17	37
56	Brandon Duckworth	R	R	6-2	185	01/23/76	Salt Lake City, UT	Scranton-WB (AAA)	13-2	2.63	22	20	2	0	147.0	122	36	150
								Philadelphia	3-2	3.52	11	11	0	0	69.0	57	29	40
57	Nelson Figueroa	R	R	6-1	155	05/18/74	Brooklyn, NY	Scranton-WB (AAA)	4-2	2.47	13	12	3	0	87.1	74	18	74
								Philadelphia	4-5	3.94	19	13	0	0	89.0	95	37	61
43	Tom Jacquez	L	L	6-2	195	12/29/75	Stockton, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	10-6	3.13	33	9	1	0	109.1	100	29	86
	Eric Junge	R	R	6-5	215	01/05/77	Manhasset, NY	Jacksonville (AA)	10-11	3.46	27	27	1	0	164.0	143	56	116
49	Jose Mesa	R	R	6-3	225	05/22/66	Azua, DR	Philadelphia	3-3	2.34	71	0	0	42	69.1	65	20	59
51	Doug Nickle	R	R	6-4	210	10/02/74	Sonoma, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	9-3	1.68	47	1	0	7	85.2	62	37	60
								Philadelphia	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	1
	Franklin Nunez	R	R	6-0	175	01/18/77	Nagua, DR	Reading (AA)	8-7	4.42	39	14	0	3	110.0	107	51	112
44	Vicente Padilla	S	R	6-2	200	09/27/77	Chinandega, Nicaragua	Scranton-WB (AAA)	7-0	2.42	16	16	0	0	81.2	64	11	75
								Philadelphia	3-1	4.24	23	0	0	0	34.0	36	12	29
31	Robert Person	R	R	6-0	194	10/06/69	St. Louis, MO	Philadelphia	15-7	4.19	33	33	3	0	208.1	179	80	183
35	Cliff Politte	R	R	5-11	185	02/27/74	St. Louis, MO	Clearwater (A)	0-1	2.45	7	7	0	0	11.0	8	3	15
								Philadelphia	2-3	2.42	23	0	0	0	26.0	24	8	23
40	Jose Santiago	R	R	6-3	215	11/05/74	Fajardo, Puerto Rico	Kansas City	2-2	6.75	20	0	0	0	29.1	40	9	15
								Philadelphia	2-4	3.61	53	0	0	0	62.1	66	13	28
	Elio Serrano	R	R	6-3	180	12/04/78	Valencia, VZ	Clearwater (A)	2-2	3.31	17	1	0	1	35.1	34	7	22
								Reading (AA)	1-1	2.89	30	0	0	2	37.1	22	9	30
	Carlos Silva	R	R	6-4	198	04/23/79	Puerto Ordaz, VZ	Reading (AA)	15-8	3.90	28	28	4	0	180.0	197	27	100
45	John Wasdin	R	R	6-2	196	08/05/72	Fort Belvoir, VA	Colorado	2-1	7.03	18	0	0	0	24.1	32	8	17
								Rochester (AAA)	2-1	3.98	5	3	0	0	20.1	27	5	20
								Baltimore	1-1	4.17	26	0	0	0	49.2	54	16	47
13	Turk Wendell	L	R	6-2	205	05/19/67	Pittsfield, MA	New York (NL)	4-3	3.51	49	0	0	1	51.1	42	22	41
								Philadelphia	0-2	7.47	21	0	0	0	15.2	21	12	15
43	Randy Wolf	L	L	6-0	194	08/22/76	Canoga Park, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	0-1	5.00	2	2	0	0	9.0	10	5	7
								Reading (AA)	0-0	4.50	1	1	0	0	6.0	5	2	7
								Philadelphia	10-11	3.70	28	25	4	0	163.0	150	51	152
	Pete Zamora	L	L	6-3	185	08/13/75	Mission Viejo, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	8-4	2.93	45	6	0	3	89.0	64	41	79
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
19	Johnny Estrada	S	R	5-11	195	06/27/76	Hayward, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	.290	32	131	13	38	13	0	0	16	0
								Philadelphia	.228	89	298	26	68	15	0	8	37	0
24	Mike Lieberthal	R	R	6-0	190	01/18/72	Glendale, CA	Philadelphia	.231	34	121	21	28	8	0	2	11	0
#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
8	Marlon Anderson	L	R	5-11	198	01/06/74	Montgomery, AL	Philadelphia	.293	147	522	69	153	30	2	11	61	8
52	Felipe Crespo	S	R	5-11	200	03/05/73	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Fresno (AAA)	.375	3	8	2	3	1	0	1	1	0
								San Francisco	.197	40	66	8	13	1	0	4	10	1
								Philadelphia	.171	33	41	1	7	3	1	0	5	0
23	Kevin Jordan	R	R	6-1	201	10/09/69	San Francisco, CA	Philadelphia	.239	68	113	9	27	5	0	1	13	0
16	Travis Lee	L	L	6-3	214	05/26/75	San Diego, CA	Philadelphia	.258	157	555	75	143	34	2	20	90	3
	Andy Machado	S	R	5-11	165	01/25/81	Caracas, VZ	Clearwater (A)	.261	82	272	49	71	5	8	5	36	23
								Reading (AA)	.149	31	101	13	15	2	0	1	8	5
9	Tomas Perez	S	R	5-11	177	12/29/73	Barquisimeto, Venezuela	Philadelphia	.304	62	135	11	41	7	1	3	19	0
34	Nick Punto	S	R	5-9	170	11/08/77	San Diego, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	.229	123	463	57	106	19	5	1	39	33
								Philadelphia	.400	4	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
17	Scott Rolen	R	R	6-4	226	04/04/75	Jasper, IN	Philadelphia	.289	151	554	96	160	39	1	25	107	16
11	Jimmy Rollins	S	R	5-8	160	11/27/78	Oakland, CA	Philadelphia	.274	158	656	97	180	29	12	14	54	46
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
53	Bobby Abreu	L	R	6-0	197	03/11/74	Aragua, Venezuela	Philadelphia	.289	162	588	118	170	48	4	31	110	36
5	Pat Burrell	R	R	6-4	225	10/10/76	Eureka Springs, AR	Philadelphia	.258	155	539	70	139	29	2	27	89	2
	Marlon Byrd	R	R	6-0	225	08/30/77	Boynton Beach, FL	Reading (AA)	.316	137	510	108	161	22	8	28	89	32
6	Doug Glanville	R	R	6-2	172	08/25/70	Hackensack, NJ	Philadelphia	.262	153	634	74	166	24	3	14	55	28
22	Jason Michaels	R	R	6-0	204	05/04/76	Tampa, FL	Scranton-WB (AAA)	.261	109	418	58	109	19	3	17	69	11
								Philadelphia	.167	6	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Jorge Padilla	R	R	6-2	200	08/11/79	Rio Piedras, PR	Clearwater (A)	.260	100	358	62	93	13	2	16	66	23
28	Reggie Taylor	L	R	6-1	178	01/12/77	Newberry, SC	Scranton-WB (AAA)	.263	111	464	56	122	20	9	7	50	31
								Philadelphia	.000	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Eric Valent	L	L	6-0	191	04/04/77	La Mirada, CA	Scranton-WB (AAA)	.272	117	448	65	122	30	2	21	78	0
								Philadelphia	.098	22	41	3	4	2	0	0	1	0

Montreal Expos

In a season that will serve mostly as an audition, the poor Expos have a lot to prove.

The Montreal Expos no longer are looked upon as a lineup. A shopping list is more like it.

It isn't *their* shopping list. Montreal's players are the ones teams eye hungrily. They are the ones singled out by Commissioner Bud Selig as destined for contraction. We prefer to call it a "disbanding" or "dismantling."

And as clubs anticipate dispersal of Expos via draft or free agency, they start looking better and better. Hey, guys, they finished 26 games below .500, 20 behind the first-place Braves.

They were 13th in ERA. They were 14th of 16 in scoring. They were last in home runs.

Shortstop Orlando Cabrera broke out in style last season, winning his first Gold Glove and establishing career highs in several offensive categories.



New York businessman Jeffrey Loria bought control of the ballclub and last season ran off manager Felipe Alou. He fired Alou, and then brought in his friend, Jeff Torborg. Now Torborg is a fine man and a respected manager. Alou, on the other hand, has the adoration of the few Montreal fans who care enough to know Alou is married to a French-Canadian from Montreal.

Alou was also a unifying thread in Montreal, a team built up, then torn down again and again. Alou kept players from quitting.

Loria ran off General Manager Jim Beattie, who resigned. He more or less turned the job over to Assistant GM Larry Beinfest, but he had Executive Vice President David Samson snoop-ing and meddling. Samson is Loria's son-in-law. He likes to tell people "how we did it on the street," meaning Wall Street. Olympic Stadium is a long way and another language from Wall Street, but Samson is undeterred.

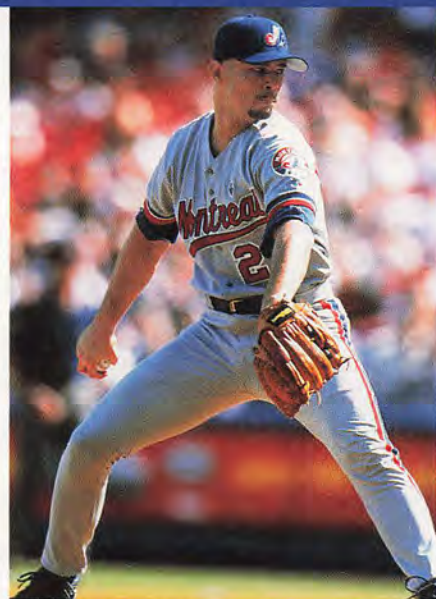
Montreal has a history of bright, creative and dynamic young general managers. It runs from Dave Dombrowski to Dan Duquette to Kevin Malone to Beattie. Let's see what happens now.

The Montreal franchise has an admired history of scouting, signing and developing quality youngsters. It runs from Gary Carter, Andre Dawson, Ellis Valentine and Steve Rogers to Larry Walker, Marquis Grissom, Tim Wallach and Delino DeShields to Javier Vazquez, Vladimir Guerrero, Orlando Cabrera, Jose Vidro and others.

The string of premier young players is running out.

Vladimir the Great

Guerrero and some others must be excluded. He is one player who plays with little "joie de vivre" (joy of living), many of his long drives landing just short of the fences at the pitcher-friendly



Javier Vazquez established himself as one of the top young pitchers in the game last season with 16 wins.

Big O. He chases anything that gets a sniff of the plate. He forces the issue because the lineup is so ordinary.

Guerrero is not ordinary. His .307 average, 34 home runs, 108 RBI and 37 stolen bases last season attest to that. His arm strength—and there is none better in right—is undercut by a tendency to show it off and heave throws past cutoff men and into the stands. It's a quibble when you consider all he does.

Speedy Peter Bergeron is expected to win the full-time job in center. Think of him as a somewhat larger version of Brett Butler. That's his style, but he needs to do more with it than hit .211 with 10 steals in 375 at-bats.

Brad Wilkerson could win the job in left. Wilkerson hit just .205 last season. The average is deceptive because Wilkerson started late, coming back from serious shoulder surgery. The man was a hit machine at the University of Florida and became a first-round draft pick. He is a comer who hit in the minors and for the U.S. Olympic Team.

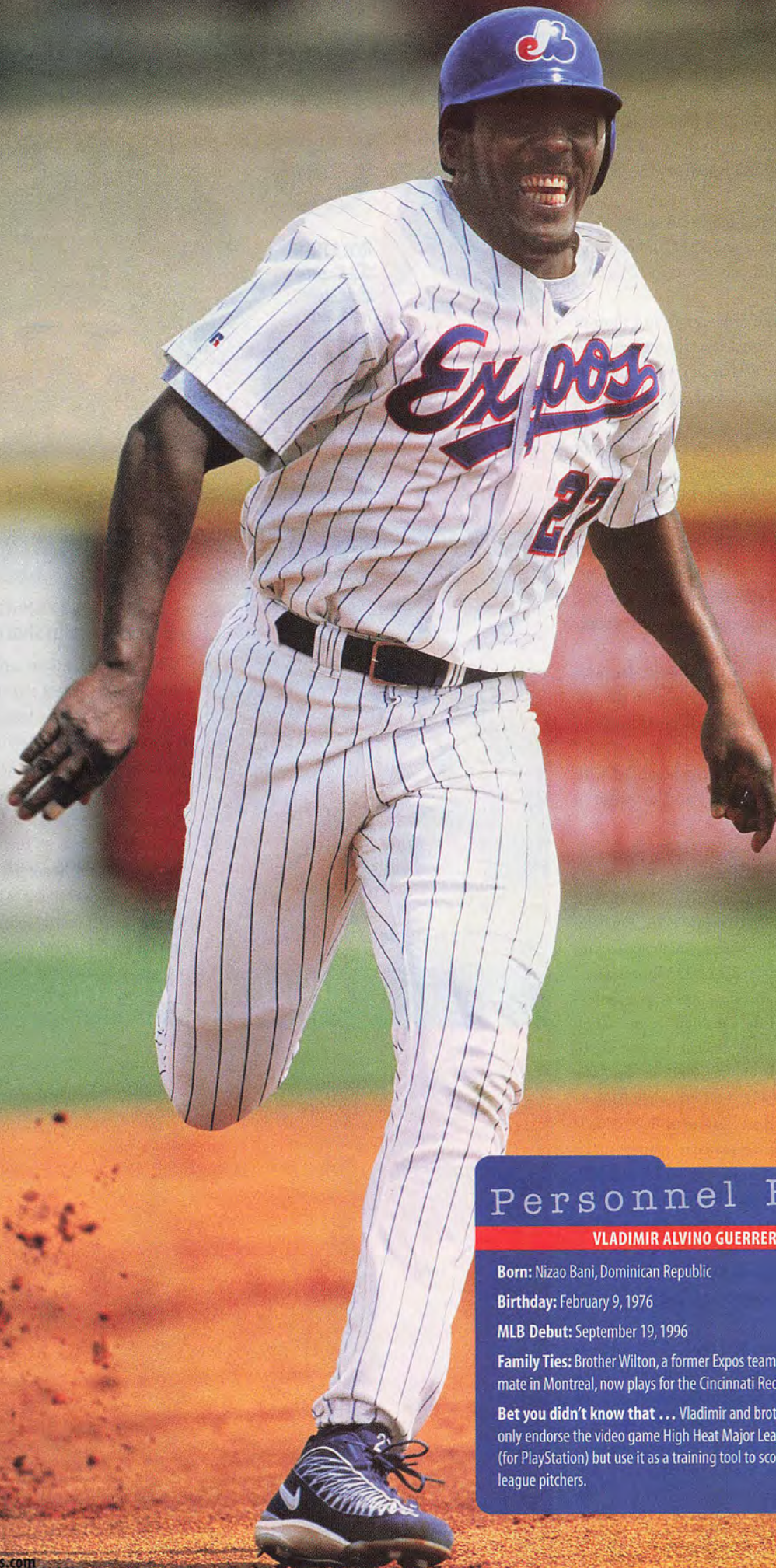
Brittle third baseman Fernando Tatis could provide a real boost if he recovers the power he showed in 1999, when he hit 34 home runs and drove in 107 runs for the Cardinals. That's an iffy proposition.

Orlando's magic

There is no "if" about shortstop Cabrera, one of the most underrated players in the N.L. (part

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.253	12	RUNS	670	14	FIELDING	.982	9
TOTAL BASES	2130	14	HOME RUNS	131	16	ERA	4.68	13
SLUGGING	.396	14	STOLEN BASES	101	5	SAVES	28	14
ON-BASE %	.319	15	LEFT ON BASE	1024	1	OPP. BA	.272	13



Personnel File

VLADIMIR ALVINO GUERRERO

Born: Nizao Bani, Dominican Republic

Birthday: February 9, 1976

MLB Debut: September 19, 1996

Family Ties: Brother Wilton, a former Expos teammate and roommate in Montreal, now plays for the Cincinnati Reds.

Bet you didn't know that ... Vladimir and brother Wilton not only endorse the video game High Heat Major League Baseball 2002 (for PlayStation) but use it as a training tool to scout opposing major league pitchers.

of the price paid by playing in Quebec). He was not totally ignored last season, though, winning a Gold Glove. He hit .276 with 96 RBI, and could muscle to the top of the second tier of superior shortstops, just behind A-Rod, Nomar and Jeter.

Vidro has become a tough-out second baseman (.319, 15 homers and 59 RBI). He's also a solid fielder, with just nine errors in 124 games last season.

First baseman Lee Stevens falls just short of the numbers that rate a first baseman as good enough at the plate. He hit .245 with 25 homers and 95 RBI. The benchmark figures are .300, 30, 100.

Someday the Expos' catcher could be a factor at the plate, maybe not like Gary Carter was, but tough enough. Now that Michael Barrett is settled in behind the plate—the Expos spent two years wondering was he a catcher or a third baseman—perhaps he will do more *at* the plate. He hit .250 with six homers and 38 RBI in 132 games. Barrett reminds some people of a younger Chipper Jones. We'll see.

The Montreal bench is unspectacular, with one big exception. They can count on the versatility and reliable bat of Geoff Blum (.236, 50 RBI in 148 games).

Now if only they had a pitching staff with a complement of big-time stars the caliber of Guerrero.

Vazquez breaks through

They have one. Vazquez (16-11, 3.42 ERA) is moving into the N.L.'s starting elite. Alou predicted it. Vazquez throws four good pitches, with command of all (44 walks in 223 2/3 innings). He could throw harder if he fills out any more.

Once he got off the DL, right-hander Tony Armas Jr. (9-14, 4.03) showed the promise of better things ahead. Another 2001 starter, Mike Thurman (9-11, 5.33), was not invited back.

If right-hander Britt Reames (4-8, 5.59) fails to show more, the farm system, tapped out or not, will probably provide the fourth and fifth starters. It's cheaper that way.

The bullpen is as much a save-on-salary process as the rotation is. How else do you explain moving Ugueth Urbina to Boston late last season? That's not to say there is no talent in the pen.

Left-hander Graeme Lloyd (9-5, 4.35) is competent. Righty Scott Strickland does a fine job (2-6, 3.21), and Guillermo Mota (1-3, 5.26) has enough arm to maybe close someday.

That's Montreal's problem—well, one of them—the word "someday" is used too often, and that day happens somewhere else too often. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



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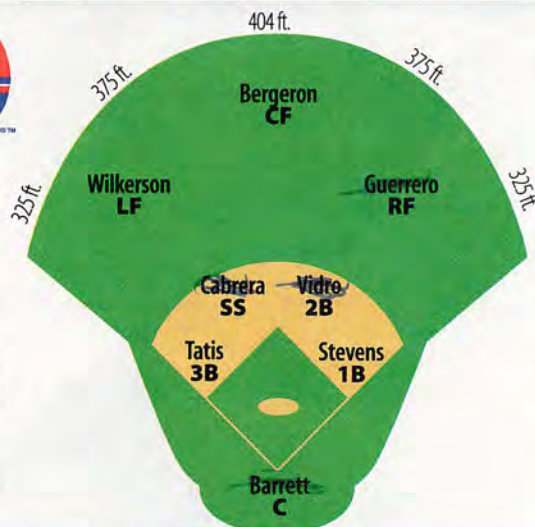
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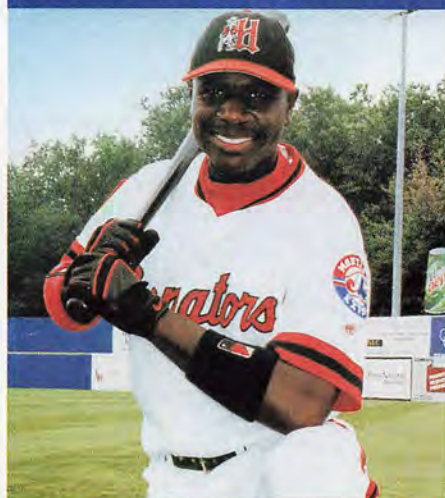
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IMPACT ROOKIE: BRANDON PHILLIPS



Expos have visions of the next Barry Larkin in shortstop prospect

The comparisons to Barry Larkin are very evident with Brandon Phillips' style of play, and he has the ability to rank among the National League's best shortstops in a few years. He makes excellent contact and is more of a gap hitter, but will turn on an inside fastball if given one. He runs the bases exceptionally well, not only by stealing bases (30 between Class A and AA last season) but by taking the extra base. His range and throwing arm are very solid, although he needs to relax more on defense. Phillips may need a half-season in the minors to improve his plate discipline, but the Expos would love to have him in the majors in the second half.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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| 1. Brandon Phillips, SS | 6. Donnie Bridges, RHP |
| 2. Brad Wilkerson, OF | 7. Zach Day, RHP |
| 3. Justin Wayne, RHP | 8. T.J. Tucker, RHP |
| 4. Josh Karp, RHP | 9. Cliff Lee, LHP |
| 5. Grady Sizemore, OF | 10. Rich Rundles, LHP |

While operating on a minimum budget, Montreal has produced its fair share of minor leaguers, and while the system is short on impact players, there is plenty of depth. Phillips is a do-it-all shortstop who should be a fixture atop the Expos' lineup for the next decade. He needs very little polish. Wilkerson will likely begin the 2002 season as the starter in left field. He is a pure hitter who won't hit for much power but will drive in runs and provide a solid on-base percentage.

Wayne has command of four pitches and mound presence, but doesn't possess an "out" pitch. Karp signed late and didn't play in the minors, but has the polished college arm that the Expos need. Both could end the season in the rota-

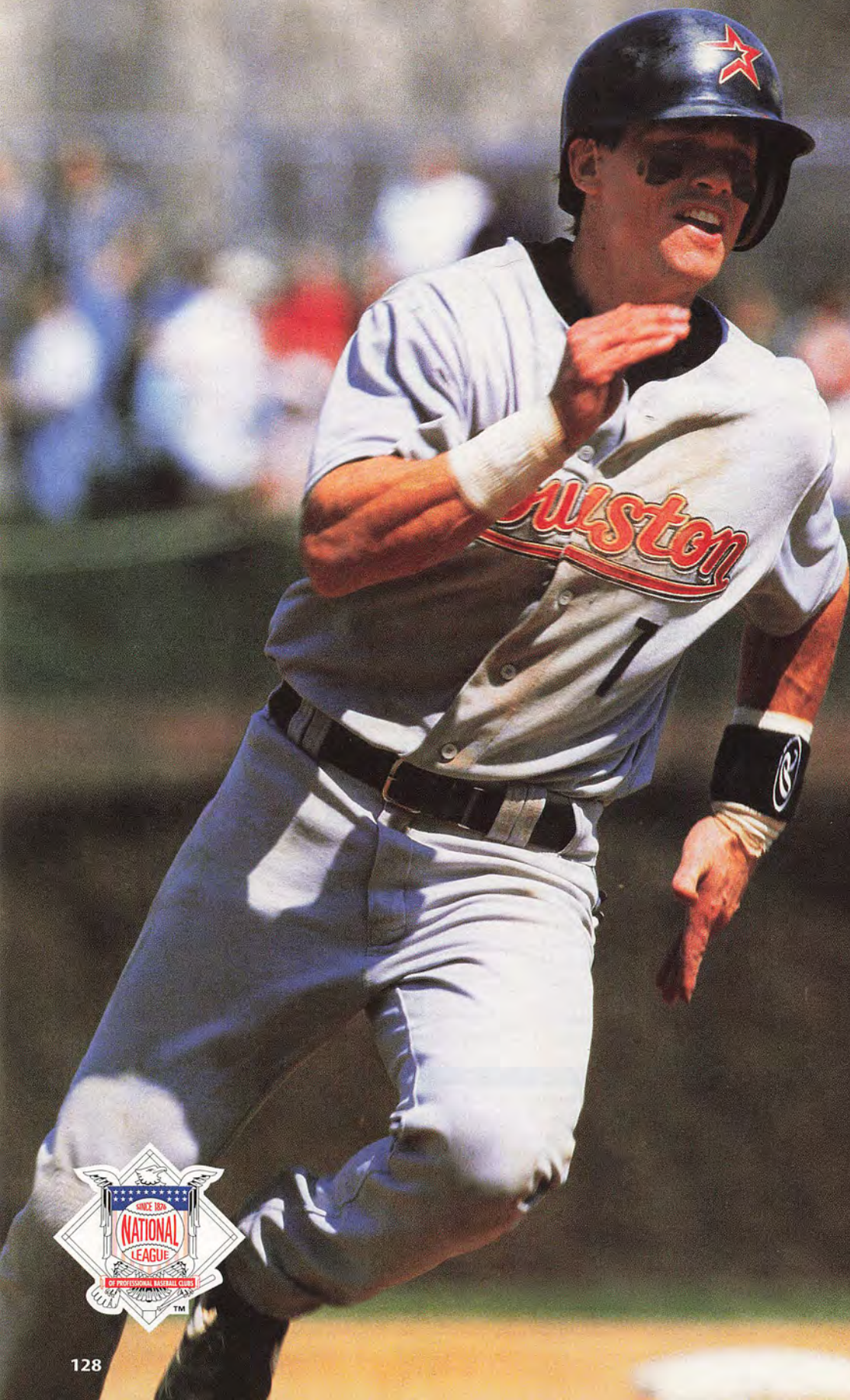
tion. Sizemore needs to grow into his body, and should add power to his speed and on-base ability. Bridges has the heat and aggressiveness, but has developed mechanical flaws that have affected his command and cast doubt on his future.

Day, acquired from Cleveland last August, doesn't have the upside of those ranked ahead of him, but he will be a quality, innings-eating type of pitcher. Tucker pitched for Montreal in 2000, but injuries have reduced the zip of his fastball and his ability to strike hitters out. Lee did a better job of finding consistency with his delivery and, coupled with a plus curveball, dominated hitters all last season at high Class A Jupiter (129 Ks, 110 IP). Rundles, acquired from Boston during the season, has excellent command of three pitches and a major league body.

The Expos don't plan on getting immediate help outside of their top prospects, but right-handed relievers Ted Rose and Jim Serrano and LHP Anthony Ferrari could get bullpen roles. Left-hander Matt Blank could figure into a fifth starter/middle reliever role.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
36	Tony Armas Jr.	R	R	6-4	205	04/29/78	Puerto Piritu, Venezuela	Montreal	9-14	4.03	34	34	0	0	196.2	180	91	176
70	Donnie Bridges	R	R	6-4	195	12/10/78	Hattiesburg, MS	GC-Expos (R)	0-1	8.44	2	2	0	0	5.1	2	5	9
								Jupiter (A)	0-1	6.75	1	1	0	0	4.0	7	3	2
								Harrisburg (AA)	1-2	3.24	3	3	0	0	16.2	14	13	14
								Ottawa (AAA)	3-5	7.48	13	13	0	0	55.1	60	43	49
	Ron Chiavacci	R	R	6-1	230	09/05/77	Scranton, PA	Harrisburg (AA)	3-11	3.97	25	25	2	0	147.1	137	76	161
31	Darwin Cubillan	R	R	6-2	170	11/15/74	Bobures, Venezuela	Oklahoma (AAA)	1-1	10.38	9	0	0	2	13.0	20	12	8
								Ottawa (AAA)	2-2	5.28	17	4	0	2	30.2	31	15	29
								Montreal	0-0	4.10	29	0	0	0	26.1	31	12	19
	Zach Day	R	R	6-4	185	06/15/78	Cincinnati, OH	Akron (AA)	9-10	3.10	22	22	2	0	136.2	123	45	94
								Buffalo (AAA)	1-0	1.50	1	1	0	0	6.0	3	1	4
								Ottawa (AAA)	2-2	7.43	6	5	0	0	26.2	38	8	15
48	Scott Downs	L	L	6-2	190	03/17/76	Louisville, KY	Did Not Play										
	Eric Good	R	L	6-3	180	04/10/80	South Bend, IN	Jupiter (A)	5-5	2.82	21	20	1	0	108.1	104	26	70
47	Graeme Lloyd	L	L	6-7	225	04/09/67	Geelong, Victoria, Australia	Montreal	9-5	4.35	84	0	0	1	70.1	74	21	44
56	Troy Mattes	R	R	6-8	230	08/26/75	Champaign, IL	Ottawa (AAA)	5-5	3.61	15	15	0	0	82.1	75	33	70
								Montreal	3-3	6.00	8	8	0	0	45.0	51	21	26
40	Guillermo Mota	R	R	6-4	205	07/25/73	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Ottawa (AAA)	0-0	2.25	4	0	0	0	4.0	1	0	4
								Montreal	1-3	5.26	53	0	0	0	49.2	51	18	31
24	Tomokazu Ohka	R	R	6-1	180	03/18/76	Kyoto, Japan	Pawtucket (AAA)	2-5	5.57	8	8	1	0	42.0	55	9	33
								Boston	2-5	6.19	12	11	0	0	52.1	69	19	37
								Montreal	1-4	4.77	10	10	0	0	54.2	65	10	31
45	Carl Pavano	R	R	6-5	230	01/08/76	New Britain, CT	Jupiter (A)	1-1	2.19	3	3	0	0	12.1	10	2	11
								Ottawa (AAA)	2-1	3.58	4	4	0	0	27.2	27	5	19
								Montreal	1-6	6.33	8	8	0	0	42.2	59	16	36
34	Britt Reames	R	R	5-11	175	08/19/73	Seneca, SC	Ottawa (AAA)	4-3	3.50	8	8	1	0	54.0	47	13	38
								GC-Expos (R)	0-0	4.91	3	0	0	0	3.2	4	2	7
								Jupiter (A)	0-0	1.46	12	0	0	0	12.1	11	8	4
								Montreal	4-8	5.59	41	13	0	0	95.0	101	48	86
51	Scott Stewart	R	L	6-2	225	08/14/75	Stoughton, MA	Ottawa (AAA)	0-0	1.80	4	0	0	0	5.0	5	1	4
								Montreal	3-1	3.78	62	0	0	3	47.2	43	13	39
20	Scott Strickland	R	R	5-11	180	04/26/76	Houston, TX	Montreal	2-6	3.21	77	0	0	9	81.1	67	41	85
52	T.J. Tucker	R	R	6-3	245	08/20/78	Clearwater, FL	Harrisburg (AA)	5-5	3.73	13	13	0	0	82.0	77	37	57
								Ottawa (AAA)	3-5	3.11	14	14	1	0	84.0	68	33	63
23	Javier Vazquez	R	R	6-2	195	07/25/76	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Montreal	16-11	3.42	32	32	5	0	223.2	197	44	208
55	Masato Yoshii	R	R	6-2	210	04/20/65	Osaka, Japan	Montreal	4-7	4.78	42	11	0	0	113.0	127	26	63
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
5	Michael Barrett	R	R	6-2	200	10/22/76	Atlanta, GA	Montreal	.250	132	472	42	118	33	2	6	38	2
15	Randy Knorr	R	R	6-2	215	11/12/68	San Gabriel, CA	Montreal	.220	34	91	13	20	2	0	3	10	0
39	Brian Schneider	L	R	6-1	200	11/26/76	Jacksonville, FL	Ottawa (AAA)	.275	97	338	33	93	27	1	6	43	2
								Montreal	.317	27	41	4	13	3	0	1	6	0
#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
11	Geoff Blum	S	R	6-3	195	04/26/73	Redwood City, CA	Montreal	.236	148	453	57	107	25	0	9	50	9
18	Orlando Cabrera	R	R	5-10	175	11/02/74	Cartagena, Colombia	Montreal	.276	162	626	64	173	41	6	14	96	19
2	Tomas de la Rosa	R	R	10-May	155	1/28/78	La Victoria, Sierra Leone	Ottawa (AAA)	0.238	121	420	56	100	24	0	7	30	12
								Montreal	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Scott Hodges	L	R	6-0	190	12/26/78	Louisville, KY	Harrisburg (AA)	.275	85	305	30	84	11	2	5	32	3
59	Henry Mateo	S	R	5-11	180	10/14/76	Santo Domingo, DR	Ottawa (AAA)	.268	118	500	71	134	14	12	5	43	47
								Montreal	.333	5	9	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
12	Mike Mordecai	R	R	5-10	185	12/13/67	Birmingham, AL	Montreal	.280	96	254	28	71	17	2	3	32	2
9	Lee Stevens	L	L	6-4	235	07/10/67	Kansas City, MO	Montreal	.245	152	542	77	133	35	1	25	95	2
21	Fernando Tatis	R	R	5-10	170	01/01/75	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Montreal	.255	41	145	20	37	9	0	2	11	0
22	Andy Tracy	L	R	3-Jun	220	12/11/73	Bowling Green, OH	Ottawa (AAA)	0.205	53	190	17	39	11	1	4	19	4
								Montreal	0.109	38	55	4	6	1	0	2	8	0
	Wilson Valdez	R	R	5-11	150	05/20/80	Nizao, DR	Clinton (A)	.252	59	214	31	54	8	1	0	11	6
								Jupiter (A)	.249	64	233	34	58	13	2	2	19	7
3	Jose Vidro	S	R	5-11	190	08/27/74	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico	Montreal	.319	124	486	82	155	34	1	15	59	4
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
33	Peter Bergeron	L	R	6-0	185	11/09/77	Greenfield, MA	Ottawa (AAA)	.238	52	206	29	49	5	3	0	8	15
								Montreal	.211	102	375	53	79	11	4	3	16	10
	Ron Calloway	L	L	6-1	190	09/06/76	Santa Clara, CA	Harrisburg (AA)	.330	74	279	48	92	22	4	9	47	25
								Ottawa (AAA)	.264	61	239	27	63	12	0	10	35	11
	Matt Cepicky	L	R	6-2	215	11/10/77	St. Louis, MO	Harrisburg (AA)	.264	122	459	59	121	23	8	19	77	5
27	Vladimir Guerrero	R	R	6-3	205	02/09/76	Nizao Bani, DR	Montreal	.307	159	599	107	184	45	4	34	108	37
	Val Pascucci	R	R	6-6	225	11/17/78	Bellflower, CA	Harrisburg (AA)	.244	138	476	79	116	17	1	21	67	8
	Wilken Ruan	R	R	6-0	160	11/18/79	Ramon Santana, DR	Jupiter (A)	.283	72	293	41	83	8	2	2	26	25
								Harrisburg (AA)	.248	30	117	14	29	7	0	0	6	6
48	Brad Wilkerson	L	L	6-0	200	06/01/77	Daviess, KY	Jupiter (A)	.231	6	26	3	6	3	0	0	1	0
								Ottawa (AAA)	.270	69	233	43	63	10	0	12	48	12
								Montreal	.205	47	117	11	24	7	2	1	5	2

NATIONAL LEAGUE CENTRAL



Astros' young power pitchers may prove to be difference in tight race.

By Tom Haudricourt, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Winning your division is supposed to be a good thing, isn't it? Don't tell that to Larry Dierker, who was ousted as manager of the Houston Astros even though his team slipped past St. Louis on a tiebreaker for the Central crown on the final day of the 2001 season. It seems that going three and out in the division series against Atlanta was not what the bosses had in mind, so Dierker was shown the door and ex-Boston skipper Jimmy Williams was summoned for damage control.

Houston Astros

With one of the most dangerous lineups in the league and the best crop of young arms, the Astros give their new manager plenty of ammunition. After watching their pitching staff get ravaged in the first year of homer-friendly Enron Field, the Astros turned to power pitchers such as Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt to prove you don't have to play slow-pitch softball there every night.

The staff ERA was trimmed from an N.L.-worst 5.42 to a more reasonable 4.37, and saving one run a game can make all the difference in the world. Houston's offense was so prolific that free agent Moises Alou was allowed to become a Cub after batting .331 with 27 home runs and 108 RBI.

St. Louis Cardinals

Don't think the Cards won't miss Mark McGwire just because he batted a puny .187 before retiring. He created a fear factor among opposing pitchers that worked to the benefit of those around him in the lineup. The good news is that Albert Pujols proved to be the rarest of rookies—one who did everything possible shy of hitting 73 homers to prove he was worthy of MVP consideration.

Still, it is pitching that sets the Cardinals apart from the pretenders in the division.

Chicago Cubs

You don't have to tell the Cubs that the name

of the game is pitching. They overhauled their starting rotation and retooled their bullpen before last season and went from being one of the worst staffs in the league (5.25 ERA in 2000) to one of the best. The mound corps set a league record with 1,344 strikeouts. Then, of course, there's Sammy Sosa, who just doesn't slow down.

Milwaukee Brewers

The Brewers must learn to put the ball in play. They obliterated the major league strikeout record by whiffing 1,399 times last season. That's more than Rod Carew did in his entire career. Now you know why Carew isn't the hitting coach anymore. To make any improvement in the last year of manager Davey Lopes' contract, the Brewers must become more adept at the fundamentals of moving runners over and getting them in.

Cincinnati Reds

Let's see. When Ken Griffey Jr. came home to Cincinnati two years ago, it was supposed to be the beginning of a new era of glory for the Reds, wasn't it? Somehow, it hasn't worked out that way. Junior was hobbled by a hamstring injury for much of the 2001 season and never got off the launching pad. Speaking of launching pads, Cincinnati's pitching staff was bombarded from start to finish, surrendering a club-record 198 homers. Add it all up and you have one miserable year, resulting in 96 losses. The prodigal son expected happier times.

Pittsburgh Pirates

Long-suffering Pirates fans looked to the opening of PNC Park last year to end the club's long streak of losing seasons. Oops. Not only did the losing continue—nine years in a row now—but the Pirates staggered to one of their worst campaigns ever by losing a league-high 100 games. General Manager Cam Bonifay paid the price by losing his job, leaving newcomer Dave Littlefield to pick up the pieces.



DIVISION'S BEST

TOP PLAYER:

Sammy Sosa Cubs

TOP PITCHER:

Matt Morris Cardinals

TOP ROOKIE:

Austin Kearns Reds

Houston Astros

Despite their bandbox of a ballpark, Astros will use their stellar pitching to win the Central.

In the five years Larry Dierker managed the team, the Astros won the division four times. But Houston never advanced past the first round, and Dierker's quirky, seat-of-the-pants moves eventually were held against him. He was considered too unstructured and lenient, which players only complain about when it works to their advantage.

Enter Jimmy Williams, the polar opposite to Dierker in personality and approach. Let's see

Many credited the arrival of catcher Brad Ausmus with the improvement of the Houston pitching staff last season.



how much time it takes for the players to begin chafing under his no-nonsense, drill-sergeant style of managing.

Brand new 'B'

Outfielder Lance Berkman joined established veterans Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell last season to form a new trio of "Killer Bs" in Houston's potent attack. Finally given his chance to play regularly, Berkman emerged as a bona fide offensive star. He finished third in the batting race (.331), seventh in RBI (126), sixth in hits (191), eighth in total bases (358), fifth in on-base percentage (.430), sixth in slugging percentage (.620) and first in doubles with a whopping 55. The switch-hitter quickly became one of the most feared batters in the league and should be a force to be reckoned with for many years.

Biggio has lost a step in the field after missing a good portion of the 2000 season with a knee injury. He has slowed down on the bases and at the plate but remains a solid contributor who ignites the offense from the leadoff spot. The spark-plug second baseman hasn't cleaned his helmet since the first Bush administration, but we won't hold that against baseball's version of "Pigpen."

Bagwell remains an incredibly consistent run-producer, a guy who just doesn't have a bad year. The powerful first baseman's unorthodox, squatting stance works for him time after time, and when the season is done, you can count on Bagwell being among the home run and RBI leaders in the N.L. What sets him apart from many free-swinging sluggers is that he will take his walks, annually drawing 100 or more.

The Astros can't wait to see which Richard Hidalgo shows up this season—the one who slugged 44 homers and drove in 122 runs in 2000 or the one who struggled to a 19-homer,



Lance Berkman became the first switch-hitter in history to have 50 doubles and 30 homers in a season.

80-RBI campaign last year. The talented center fielder signed a fat contract, then got a bit heavy himself and never put his game together. Speedy Brian L. Hunter was signed to provide depth in center on days when Hidalgo rests or moves to a corner. With Moises Alou now a Cub, offensive-minded Daryle Ward should finally get his chance to play regularly in the outfield. Ward is something of a defensive liability, but his bat will keep him in the lineup in one of the best hitting parks around. Orlando Merced also returns to provide a bat off the bench.

Third baseman Chris Truby jumped out to a fast start at the plate last season, then disappeared, prompting the Astros to acquire veteran Vinny Castilla. But Castilla is in Atlanta this season and the job once again goes to Truby, who will try to prove he is not a "tweener"—a player who excels in Triple-A but can't quite cut it in the big leagues. Otherwise, backup Jose Vizcaino will get the call. Julio Lugo, one of the better bunters in the league (15 sacrifices last season), returns at shortstop after proving he can handle the work on an everyday basis.

Miller time

While Berkman was establishing himself as one

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.271	2	RUNS	847	2	FIELDING	.982	8
TOTAL BASES	2495	3	HOME RUNS	208	4	ERA	4.37	10
SLUGGING	.451	3	STOLEN BASES	64	15	SAVES	48	1
ON-BASE %	.347	2	LEFT ON BASE	1151	9	OPP. BA	.261	10

Personnel File

JEFFREY ROBERT BAGWELL

Born: Boston, Massachusetts

Birthday: May 27, 1968

MLB Debut: April 8, 1991

Family Ties: Jeff and his wife, Ericka, have a daughter, Bryce Alycia.

Bet you didn't know that ... As a center striker for the Xavier High School soccer team in Middletown, Connecticut, Jeff set the school record for goals in one season (36) as a senior in 1985.



of the top offensive players in the league last year, **Wade Miller** was doing likewise on the pitching front. In his first full season in the majors, the hard-throwing right-hander emerged as the staff ace, winning 16 games and ranking among the N.L. leaders with 183 strikeouts. Miller formed a solid one-two punch with rookie right-hander **Roy Oswalt**, who was summoned from the minors in the first half and immediately began dominating hitters. Don't let Oswalt's slight build fool you. The guy can bring it, and he has no fear on the mound.

Another young pitcher to get excited about is lefty **Carlos Hernandez**, who unfortunately suffered a shoulder injury soon after coming up late last season and making an impressive debut. Assuming he is healthy, keep an eye on Hernandez, who struck out 167 batters in 139 innings at Double-A last season. The Astros have yet another young prospect they feel will contribute in right-hander **Tim Redding**, who got his feet wet in Houston last season. Veteran right-hander **Shane Reynolds** has slipped a bit, in part due to injuries, but remains a steadying influence in the rotation.

The guy all of the pitchers love to throw to is catcher **Brad Ausmus**, who was reacquired from Detroit last year to settle down a pitching staff that had become gun-shy in the new ballpark. Ausmus did exactly that, and it was no coincidence that Houston's staff became effective once again. To assure themselves of an experienced backup, the Astros signed **Gregg Zaun** and **Scott Servais** over the winter.

Bullets in the bullpen

The Astros also have a dynamic one-two punch at the end of the game in setup man **Octavio Dotel** and closer **Billy Wagner**. The versatile Dotel, who has started and closed in the past, throws very hard and comes right at hitters. That's also the modus operandi of Wagner, who returned from a serious elbow injury last season to reestablish himself as one of the N.L.'s top save artists. Wagner throws as hard as you can possibly throw at 5-11 and 180 pounds, and his arm no doubt will blow again one day. In the meantime, no hitter in the league wants to face him when he's on his game.

Houston's deep bullpen also includes two former closers, **Mike Williams** and **Mike Jackson**, giving the manager all kinds of choices late in a game. **Doug Brocail** and **Nelson Cruz** add depth to a relief corps that should once again be among the best in the league. As solid as the rotation is, the bullpen is just as deep and talented, which is why the Astros remain the team to beat in the division. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



JIM WILLIAMS
Manager

COACHES

Jose Cruz
Burt Hooton
Gene Lamont
Tony Pena
Harry Spillman
John Tamargo



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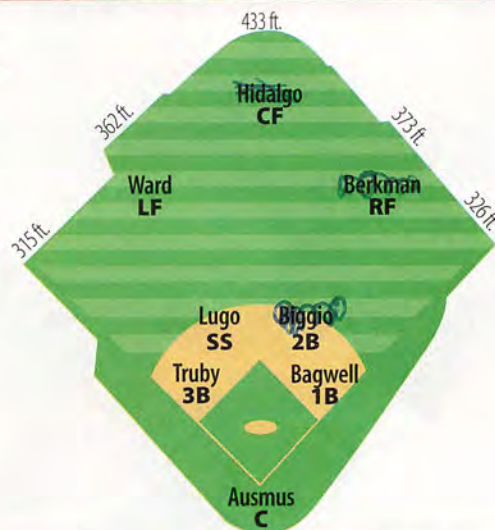
Miller (RH)
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Reynolds (RH)
Hernandez (LH)
Redding (RH)

BULLPEN

Wagner (LH)
Jackson (RH)
Williams (RH)
Dotel (RH)
Brocail (RH)
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Age may be only thing holding back slugging third baseman

The right-handed slugger may be a bit old (26) to be considered an elite prospect, but his hitting has matured immensely over the past two seasons. His power has improved as he has gained more experience and added muscle and, coupled with his plate discipline, he has been able to maintain a decent on-base percentage (.397 in Triple-A). He has a tendency to pull the ball too much, which makes him susceptible to outside breaking pitches. His arm strength and hands play well at third base, but his footwork can get messed up, causing errant throws. A broken bone in his left wrist cut his 2001 season short, but he should be 100 percent by spring training.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Carlos Hernandez, LHP
2. John Buck, C
3. Chris Burke, SS
4. Brad Lidge, RHP
5. Anthony Pluta, RHP
6. Robert Stiehl, RHP
7. Mike Nannini, RHP
8. Morgan Ensberg, 3B
9. Jason Lane, OF
10. Wilfredo Rodriguez, LHP

Houston has gotten as much help as any team has from its minor league system over the past three years, especially in the pitching department. Sporting a deadly change-up and capable of pitching in any role, Hernandez is the next set to be added to the mix. A rotator cuff injury, suffered in September, places his 2002 season in jeopardy. The "catcher of the future" tag falls on the shoulders of Buck, who is strong defensively and has power.

Burke was a first-round selection in the 2001 draft, chosen as a possible replacement for Craig Biggio, but has fared well at his natural shortstop position. Lidge has the most electric

arm in the system, hitting the mid-90s with a plus slider, but he has had elbow and shoulder surgeries in the past two years.

Pluta and Stiehl are both raw, live-armed pitchers who dominated at the lower minors.

Nannini, another in the long line of sub-6-foot Astro hurlers, throws at 94 mph, with his cutter and slider being plus power pitches. Ensberg (.310-23-61 at Triple-A) will get a shot to start at third base, bringing another power bat to the lineup. Lane, who took advantage of a friendly home ballpark, was the Texas League MVP (.316-38-124). He has home run power and the ability to hit in the clutch. Rodriguez, one of the hardest-throwing left-handers in the system, has battled mechanical and physical problems, preventing him from reaching peak level.

Second baseman/third baseman Keith Ginter (good bat) and SS Adam Everett (good glove) will both try to secure utility roles for the Astros. Right-handers Scott Linebrink, Jim Mann and Kirk Saarloos will compete for limited bullpen slots.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
26	Doug Brocail	L	R	6-5	235	05/16/67	Clearfield, PA	New Orleans (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	2.1	2	1	2
								Round Rock (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	1
41	Nelson Cruz	R	R	6-1	185	09/13/72	Puerta Plaza, DR	Houston	3-3	4.15	66	0	0	2	82.1	72	24	75
29	Octavio Dotel	R	R	6-0	175	11/25/75	Santo Domingo, DR	Houston	7-5	2.66	61	4	0	2	105.0	79	47	145
53	Wayne Franklin	L	L	6-2	195	03/09/74	Wilmington, DE	New Orleans (AAA)	2-1	3.81	41	0	0	0	49.2	47	18	51
								Houston	0-0	6.75	11	0	0	0	12.0	17	9	9
55	Carlos Hernandez	S	L	5-10	145	04/22/80	Guacara, Venezuela	Round Rock (AA)	12-3	3.69	24	23	0	0	139.0	115	69	167
								Houston	1-0	1.02	3	3	0	0	17.2	11	7	17
	Ryan Jamison	R	R	6-3	185	01/05/78	Rockford, IL	Lexington (A)	4-2	2.28	9	8	0	0	55.1	40	9	63
								Round Rock (AA)	5-2	3.50	10	9	0	0	46.1	49	23	32
	Bradley Lidge	R	R	6-3	200	12/23/76	Sacramento, CA	Round Rock (AA)	2-0	1.73	5	5	0	0	26.0	21	7	42
36	Scott Linebrink	R	R	6-3	185	08/04/76	Austin, TX	New Orleans (AAA)	7-6	3.50	50	0	0	8	72.0	52	24	72
								Houston	0-0	2.61	9	0	0	0	10.1	6	6	9
58	Jim Mann	R	R	6-3	225	11/17/74	Brockton, MA	New Orleans (AAA)	6-3	2.51	53	0	0	27	68.0	52	17	81
								Houston	0-0	3.38	4	0	0	0	5.1	3	4	5
	T.J. Mathews	R	R	6-1	214	01/19/70	Belleville, IL	Oakland	0-1	5.09	20	0	0	1	23.0	28	11	19
								St. Louis	1-0	3.07	10	0	0	0	14.2	11	1	10
	Greg Miller	L	L	6-5	215	09/30/79	Aurora, IL	Round Rock (AA)	5-3	3.25	14	14	0	0	55.1	38	35	37
52	Wade Miller	R	R	6-2	185	09/13/76	Reading, PA	Houston	16-8	3.40	32	32	1	0	212.0	183	76	183
23	Dave Mlicki	R	R	6-4	205	06/08/68	Cleveland, OH	Detroit	4-8	7.33	15	15	0	0	81.0	118	41	48
								Houston	7-3	5.09	19	14	0	0	86.2	85	33	49
	C.J. Nitkowski	L	L	6-3	205	03/09/73	Suffern, NY	Detroit	0-3	5.56	56	0	0	0	45.1	51	31	38
								New York (NL)	1-0	0.00	5	0	0	0	5.20	3	3	38
44	Roy Oswalt	R	R	6-0	170	08/29/77	Kosciusko, MS	New Orleans (AAA)	2-3	4.35	5	5	0	0	31.0	32	6	34
								Houston	14-3	2.73	28	20	3	0	141.2	126	24	144
	Brandon Puffer	R	R	6-3	195	10/05/75	Downey, CA	Round Rock (AA)	6-1	2.07	56	0	0	8	82.2	52	35	91
51	Tim Redding	R	R	6-0	180	02/12/78	Rochester, NY	Round Rock (AA)	10-2	2.18	14	14	1	0	90.2	64	25	113
								New Orleans (AAA)	4-1	4.54	6	6	0	0	37.2	22	19	42
								Houston	3-1	5.50	13	9	0	0	55.2	62	24	55
37	Shane Reynolds	R	R	6-3	210	03/26/68	Bastrop, LA	New Orleans (AAA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	7.0	8	0	7
								Round Rock (AA)	1-0	1.29	1	1	0	0	7.0	5	2	5
								Houston	14-11	4.34	28	28	3	0	182.2	208	36	102
45	Wilfredo Rodriguez	L	L	6-3	180	03/20/79	Bolivar, Venezuela	Round Rock (AA)	5-9	4.78	42	10	0	0	92.1	94	56	94
								Houston	0-0	15.00	2	0	0	0	3.0	6	1	3
	Rodrigo Rosario	R	R	6-2	160	12/14/79	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Lexington (A)	13-4	2.14	30	21	1	2	147.0	105	36	131
	Tom Shearn	R	R	6-4	200	08/28/77	Columbus, OH	Round Rock (AA)	5-6	3.85	43	8	0	1	110.0	94	51	136
35	Ricky Stone	R	R	6-1	168	02/28/75	Hamilton, OH	New Orleans (AAA)	6-3	3.59	51	8	0	2	95.1	98	27	78
								Houston	0-0	2.35	6	0	0	0	7.2	8	2	4
13	Billy Wagner	L	L	5-11	180	07/25/71	Tannersville, VA	Round Rock (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	2
								Houston	2-5	2.73	64	0	0	39	62.2	44	20	79
	Mike Williams	R	R	6-2	209	07/29/68	Radford, VA	Pit-Hou	6-4	3.80	65	0	0	22	64.0	60	35	27
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	John Buck	R	R	6-3	200	07/07/80	Kemmerer, WY	Lexington (A)	.275	122	443	72	122	24	1	22	73	4
46	Raul Chavez	R	R	5-11	210	03/18/73	Valencia, Venezuela	New Orleans (AAA)	.302	85	278	38	84	17	0	8	40	1
	Scott Servais	R	R	6-2	210	06/04/67	La Crosse, WI	Houston	.375	11	16	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Gregg Zaun	S	R	5-10	190	04/14/71	Glendale, CA	GC-Royals (R)	.056	6	18	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
								Omaha (AAA)	.279	11	43	5	12	4	0	1	8	0
								Kansas City	.320	39	125	15	40	9	0	6	18	1
#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
5	Jeff Bagwell	R	R	6-0	195	05/27/68	Boston, MA	Houston	.288	161	600	126	173	43	4	39	130	11
7	Craig Biggio	R	R	5-11	180	12/14/65	Smithtown, NY	Houston	.292	155	617	118	180	35	3	20	70	7
2	Morgan Ensberg	R	R	6-2	210	08/26/75	Redondo Beach, CA	New Orleans (AAA)	.310	87	316	65	98	20	0	23	61	6
3	Adam Everett	R	R	6-0	156	02/02/77	Austell, GA	New Orleans (AAA)	.249	114	441	69	110	20	8	5	40	24
								Houston	.000	9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	Keith Ginter	R	R	10-May	190	05/05/76	Norwalk, CA	New Orleans (AAA)	.269	132	457	76	123	31	5	16	70	8
								Houston	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Julio Lugo	R	R	5-10	165	11/16/75	Barahona, DR	Houston	.263	140	513	93	135	20	3	10	37	12
6	Chris Truby	R	R	6-2	190	12/09/73	Palm Springs, CA	New Orleans (AAA)	.312	81	321	53	100	25	6	12	71	10
								Houston	.206	48	136	11	28	6	1	8	23	1
10	Jose Vizcaino	S	R	6-1	180	03/26/68	San Cristobal, DR	Houston	.277	107	256	38	71	8	3	1	14	3
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
17	Lance Berkman	S	L	6-1	205	02/10/76	Waco, TX	Houston	.331	156	577	110	191	55	5	34	126	7
15	Richard Hidalgo	R	R	6-3	190	07/02/75	Caracas, Venezuela	Houston	.275	146	512	70	141	29	3	19	80	3
12	Brian L. Hunter	R	R	6-3	180	03/05/71	Portland, OR	Scranton-WB (AAA)	.111	2	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Philadelphia	.276	83	145	22	40	6	0	2	16	14
	Jason Lane	R	L	6-2	220	12/22/76	Santa Rosa, CA	Round Rock (AA)	.316	137	526	103	166	36	2	38	124	14
16	Orlando Merced	L	R	6-1	195	11/02/66	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Houston	.263	94	137	19	36	6	1	6	29	5
31	Daryle Ward	L	L	6-2	230	06/27/75	Lynwood, CA	Houston	.263	95	213	21	56	15	0	9	39	0

St. Louis Cardinals

'Mac Attack' will be missed, but prolific Pujols and young arms guarantee contention for Cards.

It is impossible to have a more sensational rookie debut than Albert Pujols enjoyed in 2001. The 22-year-old infielder/outfielder seemed too good to be true from the very beginning, but every time manager Tony La Russa pinched himself, Pujols was still there, destroying opponents' pitching staffs. He won the club's "Triple Crown," finishing first with a .329 batting average, 37 home runs and 130 RBI. He also scored 112 runs with a .403 on-base percentage and .610 slugging percentage. The word quickly got out on Pujols, but that didn't prevent him from cruising to a unanimous Rookie-of-the-Year campaign that helped the Cardinals overcome the final disappointing season from Mark McGwire.

Speaking of McGwire, you don't replace a Hall-of-Fame slugger by simply snapping your fingers. However, signing free-agent first baseman Tino Martinez, who won four World Series rings with the Yankees in the last six years, was a pretty good start. Martinez won't bop homers at the same rate as Big Mac, but he has been a consistent 100-RBI man as well as a superb fielder. With Martinez at first, La Russa intends to play Pujols at third base every day instead of moving him all over the diamond. That means another role for super utility player Placido Polanco, who played third much of last season but also has the skills to help at every position short of catcher. Polanco is one of those rare birds who swings a hot bat even after sitting a few days, a commodity not easy to find.

Taming of the 'Wild Thing'

For the second consecutive spring, all eyes will be on left-hander Rick Ankiel in the St. Louis training camp. After he melted down and lost his control completely at the end of the 2000 season, the Cardinals treated the talented young pitcher

with kid gloves last spring, to no avail. Ankiel again turned into a wild man on the mound, uncorking pitches to the screen, and was eventually dispatched to rookie ball for his own mental well-being. Whether Ankiel is able to pull himself together and salvage a very promising career or succumb to dreaded "Steve Blass Disease" remains to be seen. But the Cardinals obviously are counting on a comeback because they traded one of their established starters, Dustin Hermanson (to Boston), over the winter.

Meantime, the Cardinals will count on bulldog right-hander Matt Morris to anchor a talented pitching staff. Morris wasn't even in the rotation to begin 2001 after suffering through two years of arm problems, but he quickly regained the form that had club officials so excited a few years back. He tied Arizona's Curt Schilling for the major league lead with 22 victories and ranked among the N.L.'s best with 185 strikeouts, leaving absolutely no doubt that his arm is sound and dependable once again.

Veteran right-hander Darryl Kile slipped from 20 victories to 16 last year, but remained one of the toughest pitchers in the league to score against with a sparkling 3.09 ERA. He still has one of the best curveballs in the game, and therefore can get a strikeout when he needs one, which is why runs are so hard to come by with him on the mound. He also takes the ball every time out, as evidenced by his total of 459 2/3 innings in two years with the Cardinals.

Another veteran right-hander, Woody Williams, was a difference-maker for St. Louis late last season when he went 7-1 after being acquired from San Diego, seemingly relishing the pressure of a pennant race. It was an eye-opening performance from a journeyman pitcher who was close to slipping off the radar screen.



Two of the youngest Cardinals shined in 2001. Lefty Bud Smith (top) pitched a no-hitter at San Diego September 3, while outfielder J.D. Drew batted .323 with 27 homers and 73 RBI in only 375 at-bats.

Young left-hander Bud Smith does not throw particularly hard, but he knows what he's doing on the mound. Just ask the San Diego Padres, who became no-hit victims during Smith's rookie season in 2001. In his previous outing, Smith was roughed up by the Padres, which proves he is a quick study. Accordingly, the Cardinals expect him to open this season in their starting rotation.

Jason jump-starts pen

One thing the Cardinals' baseball bosses were not happy about last season was the number of times the bullpen struggled at the end of games. They quickly went out and did something about

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.270	3	RUNS	814	4	FIELDING	.982	10
TOTAL BASES	2404	5	HOME RUNS	199	7	ERA	3.93	3
SLUGGING	.441	5	STOLEN BASES	91	7	SAVES	38	9
ON-BASE %	.339	5	LEFT ON BASE	1095	5	OPP. BA	.256	5

Personnel File

JOSE ALBERTO PUJOLS

Born: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Birthday: January 16, 1980

MLB Debut: April 2, 2001

Family Ties: Albert and his wife, Beidre, have a son, A.J. Albert.

Bet you didn't know that ... At age 16, Albert's father moved the family to Kansas City to improve Albert's baseball skills.



it, signing free-agent closer **Jason Isringhausen**, who saved 34 games with a strong finish for the Oakland A's. His acquisition will allow La Russa to slide closer types such as **Dave Veres**, **Mike Timlin** and **Gene Stechschulte** into setup or middle-relief roles, depending on the need that particular day.

Left-handed specialist **Steve Kline** is the most rubber-armed pitcher in the league, finishing first in the N.L. for the third consecutive year with a club-record 89 appearances. Kline was even called upon to close games at times and responded by holding hitters to a puny .180 batting average. He is a manager's dream—a pitcher who wants the ball every day he puts on the uniform and knows what to do with it. Versatile **Mike Matthews** provides a second lefty in the pen.

Middle men strong

Winning teams play strong defense up the middle, and the Cardinals certainly do that with catcher **Mike Matheny**, second baseman **Fernando Vina**, shortstop **Edgar Renteria** and center fielder **Jim Edmonds**. Vina has worked hard to become one of the better defensive players in the league, and was finally rewarded with his first Gold Glove in 2001. Batting in the leadoff spot, he will do anything to get on base, including leaning into pitches when they stray inside (he ranked second in the N.L. by getting hit 22 times). Vina also is one of the toughest hitters in the league to strike out, going down once every 19.7 at-bats last year.

Renteria got off to a very slow start last season and folks began wondering what was wrong. He eventually got himself squared away, however, and remains one of the more talented shortstops in the league. Matheny's forte is his defense and ability to handle pitchers. He is not much of a threat with a bat in his hands, but there is no catcher the St. Louis staff would rather have behind the plate with the game on the line.

Edmonds isn't getting any younger, but that doesn't seem to be slowing him down in the field, where he continues to pile up an impressive body of work in highlight plays. Edmonds remains a solid contributor on offense, too, with 72 home runs and 218 RBI in two seasons in a St. Louis uniform. He is joined in the outfield by another productive bat, **J.D. Drew**, who began tapping his vast potential last year with a .323 batting average and 27 homers. Once a victim of too much hype at the start of his career, Drew seems more at ease and, at age 26, should provide steady play for many more seasons to come. Speedy **Kerry Robinson** will be looking to prove he warrants regular action as well. ■

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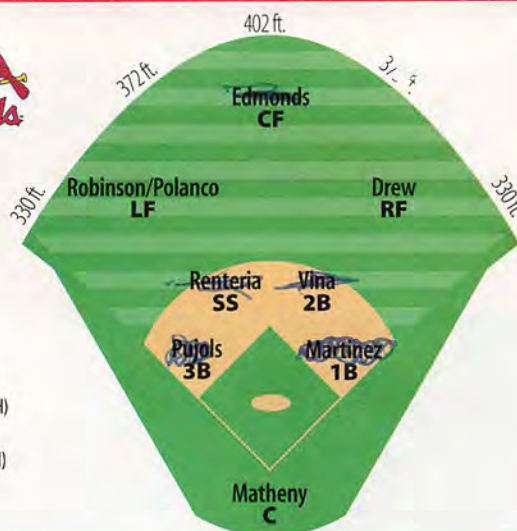


ROTATION

Morris (RH)
Kile (RH)
Williams (RH)
Smith (LH)
Ankiel (LH)

BULLPEN

Isringhausen (RH)
Matthews (LH)
Stechschulte (RH)
Kline (LH)
Veres (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: JIM JOURNELL



Journell's journey should lead directly to the major leagues

Journell is a testament to modern medicine, having undergone ligament-transplant surgery in 1999 only to come through it throwing harder. From a three-quarter delivery, he gets excellent movement from a sinking fast-ball that registers between 92 and 96 mph. The progress with his complementary pitches (slider and change-up) and improved command (3.7 K/BB ratio) allowed him to take the next step developmentally. He tore through the Carolina League, averaging over a strikeout per inning pitched while holding batters to a .211 average, and pitched a seven-inning no-hitter in his lone start in Double-A. He knows what he's doing on the mound, which might allow the Cardinals to move him up quickly and give him a shot.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jim Journell, RHP | 6. Bill Ortega, OF |
| 2. Chris Narveson, LHP | 7. Josh Pearce, RHP |
| 3. Justin Pope, RHP | 8. Danny Haren, RHP |
| 4. Nick Stocks, RHP | 9. Covelli Crisp, OF |
| 5. Blake Williams, RHP | 10. Chance Caple, RHP |

The Cardinals reaped the benefits of two front-line prospects last season with 3B/OF Albert Pujols and LHP Bud Smith last season, but the overall system is relatively weak, especially with position players. Their future will depend on several low-level pitchers who have some promise, but there is no immediate help. Journell, with his dynamic sinker, is the closest starter to the majors, but he'd be essentially jumping from Class A (14-6, 2.50 ERA at Potomac). Narveson, who stymied hitters with a combined 2.31 ERA at two Single-A stops, has command of four pitches and a killer instinct. However, his season ended with ligament-transplant surgery in August.

Pope, the Cardinals' No. 1 pick in 2001, features a darting slider and a take-no-prisoners attitude on the mound. Stocks (back spasms), Williams (elbow surgery) and Caple (shoulder surgery) missed significant time in 2001 but are expected to recover. All three can throw 94 mph and feature hard breaking pitches. Ortega is a solid hitter with emerging power and the ability to hit for average. He hit .287-6-62 at Triple-A Memphis, but may only have the ceiling of a reserve outfielder.

Pearce doesn't overpower hitters, but throws strikes to all parts of the plate and can be a quality innings-eater type pitcher. Haren, the Cardinals' second-round pick in 2001, has a major league arm with live stuff and sharp command. Crisp added some muscle in the offseason to help give him some moderate power to go along with plus speed and good plate discipline.

Outfielders Luis Saturria and Tony Mota, and 1B Luis Garcia will battle for a pinch-hitting role, while 2B/OF Stubby Clapp seems destined for a utility spot with his savvy and defense.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
66	Rick Ankiel	L	L	6-1	210	07/19/79	Fort Pierce, FL	Memphis (AAA)	0-2	20.77	3	3	0	0	4.1	3	17	4
								Johnson City (R)	5-3	1.33	14	14	1	0	87.2	42	18	158
								St. Louis	1-2	7.13	6	6	0	0	24.0	25	25	27
40	Andy Benes	R	R	6-6	245	08/20/67	Evansville, IN	St. Louis	7-7	7.38	27	19	0	0	107.1	122	61	78
	Chance Cagle	R	R	6-6	215	08/09/78	Plano, TX	Did Not Play										
	Michael Crudale	R	R	6-0	205	01/03/77	San Diego, CA	New Haven (AA)	4-9	3.25	62	0	0	9	80.1	76	22	85
63	Luther Hackman	R	R	6-4	195	10/10/74	Columbus, MS	New Haven (AA)	0-0	2.25	3	1	0	0	4.0	2	1	5
								Memphis (AAA)	0-2	2.78	16	0	0	0	22.2	21	1	12
								St. Louis	1-2	4.29	35	0	0	1	35.2	28	14	24
65	Chad Hutchinson	R	R	6-5	230	02/21/77	San Diego, CA	Memphis (AAA)	4-9	7.92	27	20	0	0	97.2	99	104	111
								St. Louis	0-0	24.75	3	0	0	0	4.0	9	6	2
44	Jason Isringhausen	R	R	6-3	210	09/07/72	Brighton, IL	Oakland	4-3	2.65	65	0	0	34	71.1	54	23	74
55	Kevin Joseph	R	R	6-4	200	08/01/76	Camp Hill, PA	San Jose (A)	0-0	3.38	9	0	0	3	13.1	12	1	15
								Shreveport (AA)	2-1	2.43	24	0	0	1	33.1	31	13	27
								Fresno (AAA)	0-1	7.56	5	0	0	0	8.1	9	4	2
								Memphis (AAA)	0-2	6.75	12	0	0	0	12.0	8	11	6
	Jimmy Journell	R	R	6-4	205	12/29/77	Springfield, OH	Potomac (A)	14-6	2.50	26	26	0	0	151.0	121	42	156
								New Haven (AA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	1	0	7.0	0	3	6
57	Darryl Kile	R	R	6-5	212	12/02/68	Garden Grove, CA	St. Louis	16-11	3.09	34	34	2	0	227.1	228	65	179
44	Steve Kline	S	L	6-1	215	08/22/72	Sunbury, PA	St. Louis	3-3	1.80	89	0	0	9	75.0	53	29	54
	Jeremy Lambert	R	R	6-1	192	01/10/79	Salt Lake City, UT	New Haven (AA)	2-2	2.97	31	0	0	14	33.1	32	17	48
								Memphis (AAA)	5-1	3.23	28	0	0	3	30.2	23	8	39
	Scotty Layfield	R	R	6-2	205	09/13/76	Americus, GA	Potomac (A)	1-2	1.84	47	0	0	31	53.2	36	18	66
60	Mike Matthews	L	L	6-2	175	10/24/73	Fredericksburg, VA	St. Louis	3-4	3.24	51	10	0	1	89.0	74	33	72
35	Matt Morris	R	R	6-5	210	08/09/74	Middletown, NY	St. Louis	22-8	3.16	34	34	2	0	216.1	218	54	185
	Josh Pearce	R	R	6-3	215	08/20/77	Yakima, WA	New Haven (AA)	6-8	3.75	18	18	0	0	115.1	111	34	96
								Memphis (AAA)	4-4	4.26	10	10	0	0	69.2	72	12	36
52	Bud Smith	L	L	6-0	170	10/23/79	Torrance, CA	Memphis (AAA)	8-5	2.75	17	17	0	0	108.0	114	28	78
								St. Louis	6-3	3.83	16	14	1	0	84.2	79	24	59
36	Gene Stechschulte	R	R	6-5	210	08/12/73	Lima, OH	St. Louis	1-5	3.86	67	0	0	6	70.0	71	30	51
55	Garrett Stephenson	R	R	6-5	208	01/02/72	Takoma Park, MD	Memphis (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	2.0	2	0	2
50	Mike Timlin	R	R	6-4	210	03/10/66	Midland, TX	St. Louis	4-5	4.09	67	0	0	3	72.2	78	19	47
43	Dave Veres	R	R	6-2	220	10/19/66	Montgomery, AL	St. Louis	3-2	3.70	71	0	0	15	65.2	57	28	61
	Les Walrond	L	L	6-0	195	11/07/76	Muskogee, OK	New Haven (AA)	2-8	3.87	16	16	1	0	81.1	68	46	67
59	Clint Weibl	R	R	6-3	180	03/17/75	Mt. Pleasant, PA	Memphis (AAA)	1-0	2.25	2	2	0	0	12.0	10	2	9
19	Woody Williams	R	R	6-0	195	08/19/66	Houston, TX	San Diego	8-8	4.97	23	23	0	0	145.0	170	37	102
								St. Louis	7-1	2.28	11	11	3	0	75.0	54	19	52
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
8	Mike DiFelice	R	R	6-2	205	05/28/69	Philadelphia, PA	Tampa Bay	.208	48	149	13	31	5	1	2	9	1
								Tucson (AAA)	.346	7	26	6	9	0	0	1	2	0
								Arizona	.048	12	21	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
26	Eli Marrero	R	R	6-1	180	11/17/73	Havana, Cuba	St. Louis	.266	86	203	37	54	11	3	6	23	6
22	Mike Matheny	R	R	6-3	205	09/22/70	Reynoldsburg, OH	St. Louis	.218	121	381	40	83	12	0	7	42	0
32	Keith McDonald	R	R	6-2	215	02/08/73	Yokosuka, Japan	Memphis (AAA)	.261	94	333	42	87	22	1	11	42	1
								St. Louis	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
41	Miguel Cairo	R	R	6-1	200	05/04/74	Anaco, Venezuela	Iowa (AAA)	.301	34	123	22	37	7	1	3	14	3
								Chicago (NL)	.285	66	123	20	35	3	1	2	9	2
								St. Louis	.333	27	33	5	11	5	0	1	7	0
	Luis Garcia	R	R	6-4	184	11/05/78	Guadalajara, Mexico	Sarasota (A)	.303	65	267	38	81	14	1	12	44	2
								Trenton (AA)	.310	63	229	35	71	20	1	14	45	0
24	Tino Martinez	L	R	6-2	210	12/07/67	Tampa, FL	New York (AL)	.280	154	589	89	165	24	2	34	113	1
27	Placido Polanco	R	R	5-10	168	10/10/75	Santo Domingo, DR	St. Louis	.307	144	564	87	173	26	4	3	38	12
5	Albert Pujols	R	R	6-3	210	01/16/80	Santo Domingo, DR	St. Louis	.329	161	590	112	194	47	4	37	130	1
3	Edgar Renteria	R	R	6-1	180	08/07/75	Barranquilla, Colombia	St. Louis	.260	141	493	54	128	19	3	10	57	17
4	Fernando Vina	L	R	5-9	174	04/16/69	Sacramento, CA	St. Louis	.303	154	631	95	191	30	8	9	56	17
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
7	J.D. Drew	L	R	6-1	195	11/20/75	Valdosta, GA	Peoria (A)	.545	3	11	3	6	2	0	0	0	0
								St. Louis	.323	109	375	80	121	18	5	27	73	13
15	Jim Edmonds	L	L	6-1	212	06/27/70	Fullerton, CA	St. Louis	.304	150	500	95	152	38	1	30	110	5
28	Bill Ortega	R	R	6-4	205	07/24/75	Havana, Cuba	Memphis (AAA)	.287	134	495	55	142	26	4	6	62	6
								St. Louis	.200	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
13	Kerry Robinson	L	L	6-0	175	10/03/73	St. Louis, MO	Memphis (AAA)	.325	10	40	4	13	1	0	0	3	4
								St. Louis	.285	114	186	34	53	6	1	1	15	11
23	Luis Saturria	R	R	6-2	165	07/21/76	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	New Haven (AA)	.276	8	29	5	8	3	0	0	4	0
								Memphis (AAA)	.225	119	413	63	93	16	5	13	49	6
								St. Louis	.200	13	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	1

Cubs' improvement should be as easy as 3-4-5 (hitters).

If there's a more productive hitter in the major leagues season-to-season than **Sammy Sosa**, please point him out. His compatriot in the Great Home Run Chase of 1998 is out of the game, but Sosa continues to pile up RBI faster than children collect candy at Halloween. In fact, had the much-improved Cubs made it to post-season play last year, Sosa might have stolen the MVP trophy from San Francisco's Barry Bonds. All he did was bat .328, hit 64 home runs, drive in a major league-high 160 runs, touch home plate 146 times, walk 116 times,



Former phenom Kerry Wood proved his comeback from injury was complete last season by holding opponents to a major league-low .202 batting average.

compile a .437 on-base percentage and slug away at a .737 clip. And you wonder why Slammin' Sammy already has achieved cult status at the Friendly Confines.

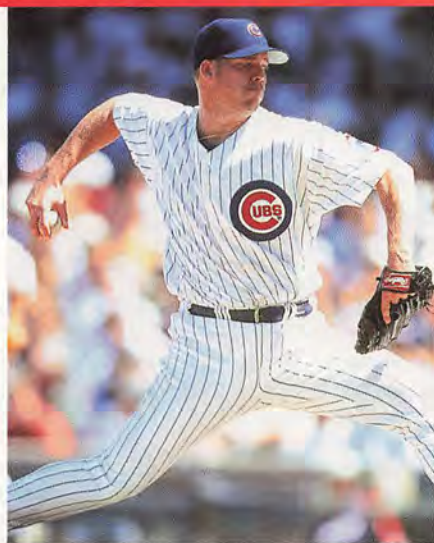
Holy Moises, it's Alou

What's more, the Cubs found some decent support for their superstar slugger by signing highly sought free agent **Moises Alou** away from division rival Houston. Combined with Sosa and first baseman **Fred McGriff**, the Cubs now possess a middle of the order to be feared. At 35, Alou still has plenty of pop left, as he demonstrated last season by hitting .331 with 27 home runs and 108 RBI. He's a welcome addition since the second-leading run producer on the club last season, shortstop **Ricky Gutierrez**, drove in 66 runs, creating the largest gap ever between the top two RBI men on the team. Gutierrez was allowed to walk away as a free agent, and the Cubs replaced him by acquiring **Alex Gonzalez** from Toronto. The club's baseball bosses were excited about reeling in Gonzalez, who has good pop (17 HR in 2001) at his position, a strong arm and decent speed.

Will Crime (Dog) pay?

The Cubs hoped the late-season acquisition of first baseman McGriff would be enough to boost them into the playoffs last year. That didn't happen, but at least they have the services of the dependable power hitter for the entire campaign this time around. Another 2001 pickup, **Delino DeShields**, is slated to take over at second base and bat in the leadoff spot in place of Eric Young, another free agent permitted to take a hike. DeShields was run out of Baltimore but did a steady job for Chicago in 68 games and makes a lot less money than Young, which is no small consideration.

Manager Don Baylor can only hope that Alou, McGriff, Gonzalez and DeShields do for the



Jon Lieber has become one of the most reliable starters in baseball, compiling more than 200 innings each of the past three seasons.

offense what last winter's acquisitions did for the pitching staff. A very shaky starting rotation was transformed into one of the best in the league with the additions of **Jason Bere** and **Julian Tavarez**, not to mention the return to pre-surgery form by **Kerry Wood**. Bere is still too erratic to be more than a bottom-of-the-rotation starter, but he does take the ball with regularity and is capable of outstanding performances.

Tavarez wilted before the end of last season while Wood held up firmly. After two years of tedious rehab and frustrating performances following Tommy John surgery, Wood proved his blazing fastball is back in the holster, even if his breaking stuff isn't quite as electric. He ranked fourth in the league with 217 strikeouts in only 174 1/3 innings and held enemy hitters to a .202 batting average, the lowest mark in the league. Still young at 24, Wood should have many more bright seasons in store and once again is one of the top drawing cards in the game.

Lieber's leap

The real coming-of-age story last season was written by **Jon Lieber**. Always considered a steady, if unspectacular, pitcher with vast potential, Lieber elevated his game to a new level at age 31 to become one of the best starters in the N.L. He put together his first 20-win season and ranked among the league leaders with 232 1/3 innings pitched, earning the status of staff ace entering this season.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.261	8	RUNS	777	7	FIELDING	.982	11
TOTAL BASES	2323	10	HOME RUNS	194	8	ERA	4.03	4
SLUGGING	.430	6	STOLEN BASES	67	12	SAVES	41	7
ON-BASE %	.336	6	LEFT ON BASE	1156	10	OPP. BA	.249	2

Personnel File

SAMUEL PERALTA SOSA

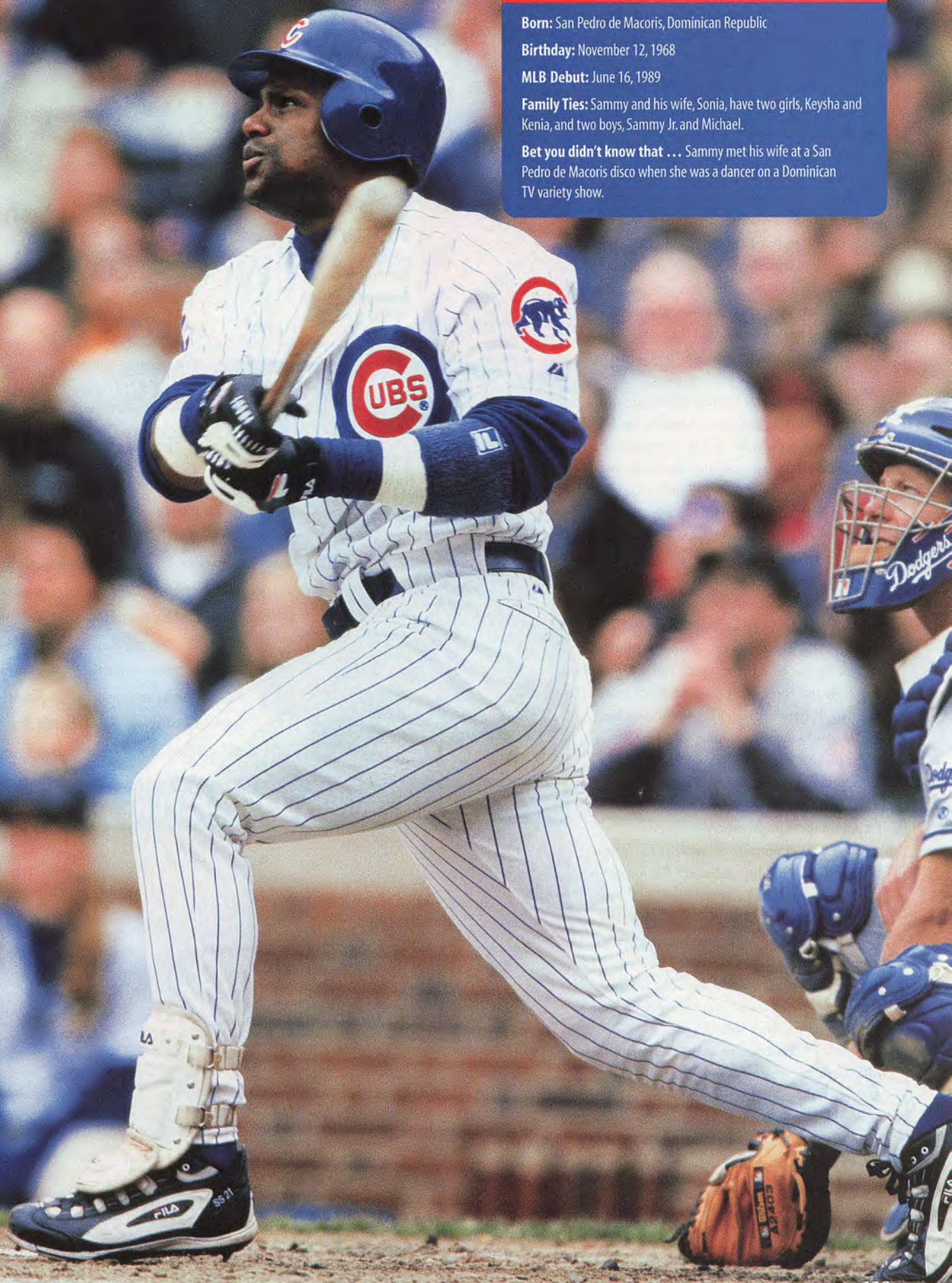
Born: San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic

Birthday: November 12, 1968

MLB Debut: June 16, 1989

Family Ties: Sammy and his wife, Sonia, have two girls, Keysha and Kenia, and two boys, Sammy Jr. and Michael.

Bet you didn't know that ... Sammy met his wife at a San Pedro de Macoris disco when she was a dancer on a Dominican TV variety show.



After winning only once in the second half of last season, aging Kevin Tapani was shown the door. Instead, the Cubs will look to a couple of young arms from their farm system, **Juan Cruz** and **Carlos Zambrano**. Cruz, a hard-throwing right-hander, was impressive in his big-league debut in 2001, going 3-1 with a 3.22 ERA in eight starts. Providing insurance is diminutive lefty **Jesus Sanchez**, picked up from the Florida Marlins.

Even more important than retooling the rotation was the transformation of the bullpen, which went from one of the most erratic in the league to one of the most reliable. The credit went chiefly to **Jeff Fassero** and **Tom Gordon**, two veterans considered washed up in 2000. Fassero revived his career by serving as the closer until Gordon completely recovered from elbow surgery and assumed that role. They combined for 39 saves, forming one of the best one-two bullpen punches in the big leagues.

Making Fassero and Gordon even more effective at the end of games is the setup work of **Kyle Farnsworth**, who finally harnessed his dynamic fastball last year and absolutely blew away hitters, finishing with 107 strikeouts in 82 innings. The Cubs must find a lefty, perhaps prospect **Will Ohman**, to replace Felix Heredia (traded for Gonzalez), but otherwise they have one of the strongest relief corps in the N.L.

With veteran Rondell White playing this year for the New York Yankees and once-heralded rookie **Corey Patterson** still trying to earn his stripes, the Cubs have to figure out who will join Sosa and Alou in the outfield. If the multi-talented Patterson continues to underachieve and is sent back to the minors for more seasoning, a suitable center fielder must be found from a suspect group in the system. **Roosevelt Brown**, who played in only 39 games last season, may be an option there if Patterson can't cut it.

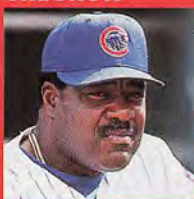
The catching situation is problematic, mainly because **Todd Hundley** apparently has forgotten how to hit. Signed to a big contract and trumpeted as the prodigal son after leaving L.A., Hundley was an absolute mess at the plate last season, batting .187 with a mere 31 RBI in 79 games. That collapse forced the Cubs to rely on aging veteran **Joe Girardi**, who's known more for his defense than work with the bat.

It didn't take long for third baseman **Bill Mueller** to become a vital cog in Chicago's lineup. As is often the case, that development was more noticeable when Mueller sat out half the season with a broken kneecap and was dearly missed. After years of wading through one disappointing third baseman after another, the Cubs finally found a keeper in Mueller, a steady fielder who has a knack for getting on base. ■

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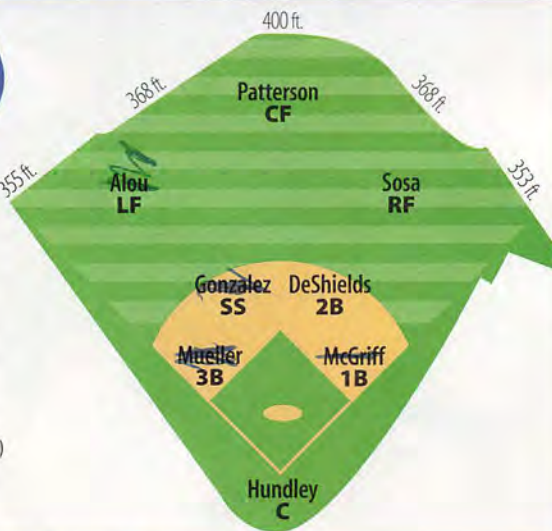


ROTATION

Lieber (RH)
Wood (RH)
Bere (RH)
Cruz (RH)
Tavarez (RH)

BULLPEN

Gordon (RH)
Fassero (LH)
Farnsworth (RH)
Duncan (RH)
Ohman (LH)
Sanchez (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: JUAN CRUZ



Next great Cubs starter on 'Cruz' control

He emerged from obscurity in 2000, featuring one of the liveliest arms in the minors. From a whip-like, three-quarters delivery, he gets excellent movement on both a two-seam and four-seam fastball that he can ratchet up to 97 mph. His slider is a devastating pitch to right-handed batters, and he is able to change speeds well, resulting in 10.1 strikeouts per game last season in Double-A. He has been guilty of overthrowing his fastball and needs to set up his pitches better, but none of this was evident in his eight starts down the stretch for the Cubs. He'll secure a rotation spot in Chicago and could emerge as a No. 1 starter.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Juan Cruz, RHP
2. Mark Prior, RHP
3. Hee Seop Choi, 1B
4. Ben Christensen, RHP
5. Bobby Hill, 2B/SS
6. Carlos Zambrano, RHP
7. Luis Montanez, SS
8. David Kelton, OF
9. Nic Jackson, OF
10. Scott Chiasson, RHP

The Cubs present one of the top minor league systems in baseball, showing a perfect balance of pitchers and hitters. Cruz did his best to keep the Cubs in the pennant chase in September, while 2001 first-rounder Mark Prior should be able to dominate from the start, with his command of three above-average pitches and picture-perfect delivery. Choi is a legitimate power threat whose 2001 season was curtailed by a bruised wrist. The addition of Fred McGriff will allow him to get another year's experience in Triple-A.

Christensen managed only 16.2 innings pitched due to a frayed rotator cuff, but gets tremendous movement out of a

sinking fastball and slider. He should be ready by midseason. Hill, who will try to unseat Eric Young, is an electrifying presence at the top of the lineup with his ability to get on base and steal bases. Zambrano is tough to hit due to his multiple arm angles and movement from his two- and four-seam fastballs. He can either start or relieve.

Montanez was overmatched for most of the season at Class A Lansing (.255, 121 strikeouts), but was just a year removed from high school. Kelton, making the switch from third base to left field, matured as a hitter, though he was hampered by a wrist injury. Jackson has an extremely quick bat, using it to hit for power, and has good athleticism. Chiasson, with his mid-90s heat, could force his way into a prominent bullpen role.

Left-hander Phil Norton, along with RHP Mike Meyers, could see action in spot starter/middle relief roles, while catcher Roberto Machado could hang on as a backup catcher.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Francis Beltran	R	R	6-5	220	07/25/80	Santo Domingo, DR	Daytona (A)	6-9	5.00	21	18	0	0	95.1	93	40	72
46	Jason Bere	R	R	6-3	225	05/26/71	Cambridge, MA	Chicago	11-11	4.31	32	32	2	0	188.0	171	77	175
37	Scott Chiasson	R	R	6-3	200	08/14/77	Norwich, CT	West Tenn (AA)	3-4	1.76	52	0	0	24	61.1	43	20	62
								Iowa (AAA)	0-0	2.25	11	0	0	10	12.0	11	0	14
								Chicago	1-1	2.70	6	0	0	0	6.2	5	2	6
65	Ben Christensen	R	R	6-4	205	02/07/78	Waterloo, IA	West Tenn (AA)	2-1	6.48	3	3	0	0	16.2	20	9	9
51	Juan Cruz	R	R	6-2	155	10/15/80	Banao, DR	West Tenn (AA)	9-6	4.01	23	23	0	0	121.1	107	60	137
								Chicago	3-1	3.22	8	8	0	0	44.2	40	17	39
99	Jose Cueto	R	R	6-2	175	09/13/78	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Lansing (A)	4-4	3.79	22	14	2	0	95.0	71	44	105
								Daytona (A)	1-2	3.03	6	6	0	0	38.2	31	13	41
								West Tenn (AA)	0-1	8.68	2	2	0	0	9.1	10	6	10
55	Courtney Duncan	L	R	6-0	185	10/09/74	Mobile, AL	Iowa (AAA)	1-0	3.24	7	0	0	0	8.1	7	5	15
								Chicago	3-3	5.06	36	0	0	0	42.2	42	25	49
44	Kyle Farnsworth	R	R	6-4	220	04/14/76	Wichita, KS	Chicago	4-6	2.74	76	0	0	2	82.0	65	29	107
13	Jeff Fassero	L	L	6-1	200	01/05/63	Springfield, IL	Chicago	4-4	3.42	82	0	0	12	73.2	66	23	79
45	Tom Gordon	R	R	5-10	190	11/18/67	Sebring, FL	Iowa (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	2.0	1	1	2
								Daytona (A)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	0	2.0	0	0	3
								Chicago	1-2	3.38	47	0	0	27	45.1	32	16	67
32	Jon Lieber	L	R	6-2	230	04/02/70	Council Bluffs, IA	Chicago	20-6	3.80	34	34	5	0	232.1	226	41	148
54	Ron Mahay	L	L	6-2	190	06/28/71	Crestwood, IL	Portland (AAA)	1-2	3.78	14	0	0	0	16.2	13	5	18
								Iowa (AAA)	3-1	2.31	36	0	0	14	46.2	29	10	52
								Chicago	0-0	2.61	17	0	0	0	20.2	14	15	24
	Mike Meyers	R	R	6-2	210	10/18/77	London, ON, Canada	Iowa (AAA)	7-4	3.23	25	25	0	0	147.2	129	64	124
50	Phil Norton	R	L	6-1	190	02/01/76	Texarkana, TX	Iowa (AAA)	6-3	2.69	46	3	0	2	73.2	65	41	75
35	Will Ohman	L	L	6-2	195	08/13/77	Frankfurt, West Germany	Iowa (AAA)	5-2	4.06	40	1	0	4	51.0	51	18	66
								Chicago	0-1	7.71	11	0	0	0	11.2	14	6	12
35	Mark Prior	R	R	6-5	225	09/07/80	Bonita, CA	Did Not Play										
	Jesus Sanchez	L	L	5-10	155	10/11/74	Bani, DR	Calgary (AAA)	6-1	3.21	16	11	0	0	75.2	61	33	58
								Florida	2-4	4.74	16	9	0	0	62.2	61	31	46
	Steve Smyth	S	L	6-0	195	06/03/78	Brawley, CA	West Tenn (AA)	9-3	2.54	18	18	3	0	120.1	110	40	93
50	Julian Tavarez	L	R	6-2	190	05/22/73	Santiago, DR	Chicago	10-9	4.52	34	28	0	0	161.1	172	69	107
34	Kerry Wood	R	R	6-5	220	06/16/77	Irving, TX	Chicago	12-6	3.36	28	28	1	0	174.1	127	92	217
38	Carlos Zambrano	S	R	6-4	220	06/01/81	Carabobo, Venezuela	Iowa (AAA)	10-5	3.88	26	25	1	0	150.2	124	68	155
								Chicago	1-2	15.26	6	1	0	0	7.2	11	8	4
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
27	Joe Girardi	R	R	5-11	200	10/14/64	Peoria, IL	Chicago	.253	78	229	22	58	10	1	3	25	0
9	Todd Hundley	S	R	5-11	195	05/27/69	Martinsville, VA	West Tenn (AA)	.333	4	12	1	4	2	0	0	1	0
								Iowa (AAA)	.196	15	51	7	10	1	0	3	8	0
								Chicago	.187	79	246	23	46	10	0	12	31	0
72	Robert Machado	R	R	6-1	205	06/03/73	Caracas, Venezuela	Iowa (AAA)	.283	53	180	20	51	11	0	8	30	0
								Chicago	.222	52	135	13	30	10	0	2	13	0
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
14	Mark Bellhorn	S	R	6-1	214	08/23/74	Boston, MA	Sacramento (AAA)	.269	43	156	30	42	6	0	12	36	3
								Oakland	.135	38	74	11	10	1	2	1	4	0
	Hee Seop Choi	L	L	6-5	235	03/16/79	Chun-Nam, South Korea	Iowa (AAA)	.229	77	266	38	61	11	0	13	45	5
13	Ivanon Coffie	L	R	6-1	192	05/16/77	Klein, Curacao	Gcorioles (R)	.278	6	18	2	5	1	0	1	2	0
								Rochester (AAA)	.267	56	206	33	55	10	1	8	35	3
16	Delino DeShields	L	R	6-1	175	01/15/69	Seaford, DE	Baltimore	.197	58	188	29	37	8	2	3	21	11
								Chicago	.276	68	163	26	45	9	3	2	16	12
	Nate Frese	R	R	6-4	190	07/10/77	Cedar Rapids, IA	West Tenn (AA)	.180	72	233	25	42	5	1	4	19	0
8	Alex S. Gonzalez	R	R	6-0	200	04/08/73	Miami, FL	Toronto	.253	154	636	79	161	25	5	17	76	18
	David Kelton	R	R	6-2	190	12/17/79	Dothan, AL	West Tenn (AA)	.313	58	224	33	70	9	4	12	45	1
29	Fred McGriff	L	L	6-3	215	10/31/63	Tampa, FL	Tampa Bay	.318	97	343	40	109	18	0	19	61	1
								Chicago	.282	49	170	27	48	7	2	12	41	0
33	Bill Mueller	S	R	5-10	180	03/17/71	Maryland Heights, MO	Iowa (AAA)	.423	8	26	3	11	3	0	0	4	0
								Chicago	.295	70	210	38	62	12	1	6	23	1
1	Augie Ojeda	S	R	5-8	165	12/20/74	Los Angeles, CA	Chicago	.201	78	144	16	29	5	1	1	12	1
15	Julio Zuleta	R	R	6-5	235	03/28/75	Panama City, Panama	Iowa (AAA)	.308	37	146	18	45	13	0	7	29	3
								Chicago	.217	49	106	11	23	3	0	6	24	0
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
18	Moises Alou	R	R	6-3	195	07/03/66	Atlanta, GA	Houston	.331	136	513	79	170	31	1	27	108	5
28	Roosevelt Brown	L	R	5-10	200	08/03/75	Vicksburg, MS	Iowa (AAA)	.346	88	364	68	126	34	1	22	77	3
								Chicago	.265	39	83	13	22	6	1	4	22	0
20	Corey Patterson	L	R	5-9	180	08/13/79	Atlanta, GA	Iowa (AAA)	.253	89	367	63	93	22	3	7	32	19
								Chicago	.221	59	131	26	29	3	0	4	14	4
21	Sammy Sosa	R	R	6-0	225	11/12/68	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Chicago	.328	160	577	146	189	34	5	64	160	0

Milwaukee Brewers

Patience at the plate, durability and a closer are at the top of the Brewers' wish list.

In many ways, first baseman **Richie Sexson** epitomizes the current state of the Brewers' offense. He is capable of so many good things, as evidenced by his 45 home runs and 125 RBI last season. But Sexson draws few walks (60 in 598 at-bats) and strikes out way too much (178 times), traits very common throughout Milwaukee's all-or-nothing lineup. The 6-foot-7 beanpole saves his fellow infielders countless throwing errors with his massive wingspan, and should only get better with more experience. With a long, looping swing, he is susceptible to inside fastballs, of which he receives a steady diet.

Wanted: A few good iron men

One thing Sexson does is stay in the lineup every day (158 games in 2001), something few of his teammates can claim. Right fielder **Jeromy**

Olympic hero Ben Sheets opened the 2001 season with a bang, making the All-Star Team, but tired in the second half with a 7.06 ERA after the break.

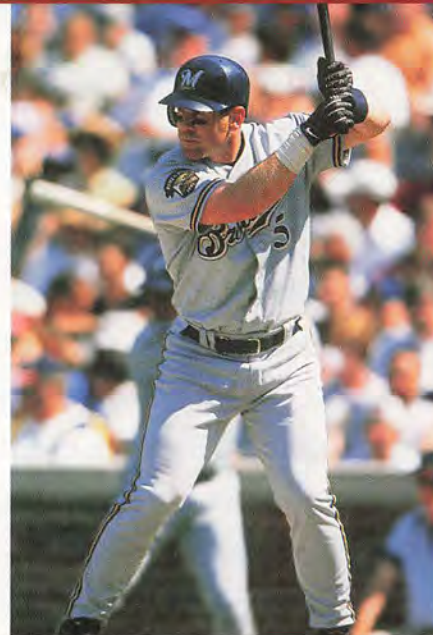


Burnitz and shortstop **Jose Hernandez** were the only other players to see action in more than 126 games, as the Brewers continued to fight what has become a long tradition of crippling injuries. The poster boy for the M*A*S*H unit was center fielder **Jeffrey Hammonds**, who was expected to infuse added life in the offense after signing a three-year, \$21 million contract. What Hammonds did was spend most of his time in the training room, eventually undergoing shoulder surgery that limited him to 49 mostly ineffective games. If the Brewers are to have any chance of becoming competitive again, Hammonds must prove they weren't out of their minds to give him the big deal in the first place. Staying healthy and available for duty would be a good start.

Free-swinging Brew Crew

Hernandez is yet another enigma in the Brewers' confusing picture. Originally slated to battle it out at third base, he was handed the shortstop role in spring camp when incumbent **Mark Loretta** injured a thumb. Hernandez never surrendered the position, showing a flair for sensational plays in the field while also displaying far more pop (25 HR, 78 RBI) than your average shortstop. But, like too many hitters in the lineup, Hernandez is an undisciplined, free swinger who gives away too many outs every night. He finished with 185 strikeouts and would have wiped out **Bobby Bonds'** big-league record of 189 if manager **Davey Lopes** had not benched him at the end of the season.

At least the Brewers know what they've got in Hernandez. The same cannot be said for second baseman **Ron Belliard**, who has yet to return to the form he displayed as a promising rookie in 1999. Belliard appears too nonchalant at times, and swings at too many "pitcher's pitches" instead



Geoff Jenkins was hampered all last season with an array of injuries that held him to just 397 at-bats and a .264 average.

of working the count. He, too, must prove he can stay healthy after missing most of the final month with a leg injury. As for **Loretta**, it's uncertain where he fits in the picture at this point, assuming Hernandez and Belliard remain in the lineup on a regular basis. Perhaps Loretta will play more at third base, where **Tyler Houston**—stop us if you've heard this before—had a promising beginning in 2001 ruined by injury. Houston, considered an underachieving utility type at other stops in his career, proved he can handle the work defensively at the hot corner and has good pop from the left side, but he, too, is strikeout-prone and draws few walks.

The Brewers will look for left fielder **Geoff Jenkins** to bounce back from—you guessed it—an injury-riddled season that resulted in a severe drop in production. Jenkins is even more aggressive than other hitters in the lineup and posted a horrible walk-strikeout ratio of 36/120 in 2001. He always plays all-out, and his body paid the price a year ago. It wouldn't hurt Jenkins to bring his game under control and resume the spot he held in 1999-2000 as one of the steadier performers in the lineup.

If only catcher **Henry Blanco** could hit, he could name the number of games he would like to play. Unfortunately, he can't, which was quite evident when he batted .210 last season. At least

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.251	14	RUNS	740	11	FIELDING	.983	4
TOTAL BASES	2338	8	HOME RUNS	209	3	ERA	4.64	12
SLUGGING	.426	7	STOLEN BASES	66	13	SAVES	28	14
ON-BASE %	.319	14	LEFT ON BASE	1067	3	OPP. BA	.265	11

Personnel File

RICHMOND LOCKWOOD SEXSON

Born: Portland, Oregon

Birthday: December 29, 1974

MLB Debut: September 14, 1997

Family Ties: Wife, Kerry

Bet you didn't know that ... Standing 6-foot-7, Richie was an all-state performer in football, basketball and baseball at Prairie High School in Brush Prairie, Washington.



No. 2 catcher **Raul Casanova** balances the situation somewhat with a lively bat and a knack for driving in key runs. Casanova also has improved defensively, which could lead to more playing time than Blanco.

23-and-under staff

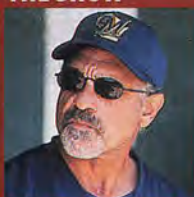
The reason the Brewers covet Blanco's catching skills is an increasingly young, inexperienced staff. If hard-throwing rookie **Nick Neugebauer** recovers from September shoulder surgery, he will join **Ben Sheets** and **Ruben Quevedo** to give the rotation three starters 23 years of age or younger, with scant big-league experience. Each has considerable talent, especially Sheets, whose fastball-curveball combination resulted in 11 victories during his rookie 2001 season, including a berth on the N.L. All-Star Team. Quevedo seems to pitch best in tough situations, but already is battling weight problems at a tender age, which is never a good thing. Neugebauer has been the top strikeout artist in the minors the past few years and regularly gets his fastball to the plate in the 93-97 mph range.

Veteran right-handers **Jimmy Haynes** and **Jamey Wright** began the 2001 season at the top of the Brewers rotation. Eventually, however, they slipped toward the other end by enhancing their unwanted reputations as pitchers with considerable talent who can't get their act together. Haynes, who made too many mistakes and had trouble staying away from big innings, was not offered another contract. Wright features one of the best sinkers in the league, but gets out of whack mechanically and loses his control, leading to a franchise-record 20 hit batters last year.

One of the first orders of business in spring training will be settling on a closer in the bullpen. **Curtis Leskanic** seemingly had the job locked away, but couldn't keep the ball in the park last season (11 homers in 69 1/3 innings) and watched his velocity slip as the weeks went by. The mystery eventually was solved when shoulder damage was detected that led to surgery and put Leskanic's status in limbo entering spring camp. Waiting in the wings is right-hander **Chad Fox**, who pulled off an amazing comeback from two years of arm problems to reemerge as a dominant late-inning reliever.

The rest of a deep bullpen includes right-handers **Allen Levraut** and **Mike DeJean**, two horses who never turn down the ball, and lefties **Ray King** and **Valerio De Los Santos**. King, a specialist summoned in the late going to retire left-handed batters, was among the league leaders with 82 appearances last season. De Los Santos blew out his elbow after one outing, but appears healthy again. ■

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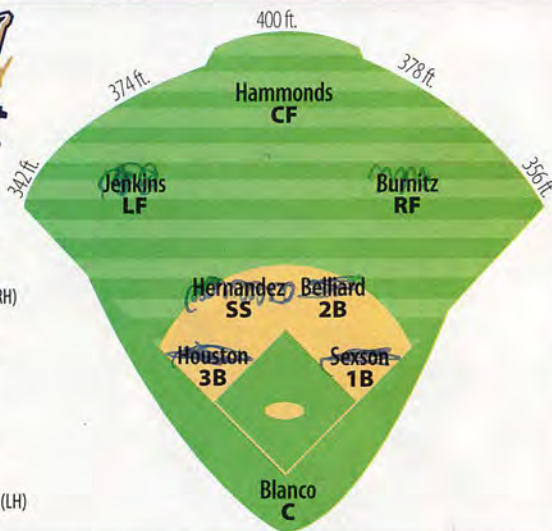


ROTATION

Sheets (RH)
Quevedo (RH)
Wright (RH)
Neugebauer (RH)
D'Amico (RH)

BULLPEN

Leskanic (RH)
Fox (RH)
DeJean (RH)
King (LH)
De Los Santos (LH)
Levrault (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: NICK NEUGEBAUER



Burly Californian has 'stuff' of Cy Young winners

No pitcher in the minors has the quality of stuff that this solid-bodied hurler possesses. Armed with a fastball that can touch 97 mph, two breaking pitches (curveball and slider) that have above-average break, and a solid change-up, batters cannot sit on any one pitch. Repeating his delivery—with resulting poor command—has always been his biggest nemesis, but he smoothed out his delivery last season and his pitches became more accurate. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound Californian has never been one to give up a lot of hits (.210 opponents' average), but he may be the type that is "effectively wild." His 2001 season ended with surgery to repair a torn labrum and a frayed rotator cuff, but he should be at full-strength by June.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Nick Neugebauer, RHP | 6. Will Hall, SS/2B |
| 2. Dave Krynzel, OF | 7. Jose Garcia, RHP |
| 3. Cristian Guerrero, OF | 8. Kade Johnson, C |
| 4. Mike Jones, RHP | 9. Jason Belcher, C |
| 5. Ben Hendrickson, RHP | 10. J.M. Gold, RHP |

Milwaukee hasn't had a deep farm system in years, and that is certainly true today, but it does have a pair of Grade-A arms that will complement Ben Sheets in Neugebauer and Jones. Neugebauer has absolutely electric stuff and should join the starting rotation. Krynzel offers on-base ability and speed, while Guerrero is a power/speed prospect that the Brewers have lacked over the last few years. Both should be ready by mid-2004.

Jones hit 98 mph as a high school senior, and the 2001 first-rounder has tons of potential with his power-pitcher's build. Hendrickson is also full of potential with his plus curveball and low-90s heat, but needs to pitch with better

command despite striking out a batter per inning at Class A Beloit of the Midwest League last year. The emotional Hall hit the ball with more authority in 2001 (.303-15-51 at Class A High Desert), adding that dimension to his good speed (18 SB). He likely ends up at either second base or in a utility role based on his defense.

Garcia, coming back from elbow surgery, has regained his movement but not his velocity. He could help by midseason. Johnson (21 HR at High Desert) and Belcher (.326 at Class A Beloit) are excellent hitting catchers, but neither has stayed healthy enough to improve behind the plate. Gold looked sharp (2.17 ERA) in his seven starts at rookie-level Ogden after missing most of the year with elbow surgery. His fastball is almost back to a former high of 94 mph.

Power-hitting outfielder/first basemen **Jeff Deardorff** and **Bucky Jacobson** will position themselves for a pinch-hitting role, while speedster **Alex Sanchez** will likely be the fourth outfielder. Middle infielder **Elvis Pena** and SS **Dionys Cesar** will compete for a utility infielder spot.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
47	Mike Buddie	R	R	6-3	215	12/12/70	Berea, OH	Indianapolis (AAA)	4-1	2.31	27	0	0	3	46.2	36	25	31
								Milwaukee	0-1	3.89	31	0	0	2	41.2	34	17	22
	Matt Childers	R	R	6-5	195	12/03/78	Douglas, GA	High Desert (A)	6-11	6.44	20	20	0	0	117.1	155	29	76
								Huntsville (AA)	2-2	3.43	7	7	0	0	39.1	41	12	21
13	Jeff D'Amico	R	R	6-7	250	12/27/75	St. Petersburg, FL	Huntsville (AA)	1-0	2.57	1	1	0	0	7.0	3	2	5
								Beloit (A)	0-0	5.40	2	2	0	0	8.1	11	1	6
								Milwaukee	2-4	6.08	10	10	0	0	47.1	60	16	32
28	Valerio de los Santos	L	L	6-2	180	10/06/75	Las Matas, DR	Milwaukee	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	0	1.0	1	1	1
48	Mike DeJean	R	R	6-2	212	09/28/70	Baton Rouge, LA	Milwaukee	4-2	2.77	75	0	0	2	84.1	75	39	68
40	Chad Fox	R	R	6-3	190	09/03/70	Coronado, CA	Indianapolis (AAA)	3-0	1.50	4	0	0	0	6.0	4	3	8
								Milwaukee	5-2	1.89	65	0	0	2	66.2	44	36	80
	J.M. Gold	R	R	6-5	225	04/10/80	Belleville, NJ	AZ-Brewers (R)	0-1	7.56	4	4	0	0	8.1	17	2	7
								Ogden (R)	1-1	2.17	7	7	0	0	29.0	20	9	42
46	Ray King	L	L	6-1	230	01/15/74	Chicago, IL	Milwaukee	0-4	3.60	82	0	0	1	55.0	49	25	49
00	Curtis Leskanic	R	R	6-0	186	04/02/68	Homestead, PA	Milwaukee	2-6	3.63	70	0	0	17	69.1	63	31	64
55	Allen Levrault	R	R	6-3	230	08/15/77	Fall River, MA	Indianapolis (AAA)	2-1	2.64	5	5	0	0	30.2	22	8	30
								Milwaukee	6-10	6.06	32	20	1	0	130.2	146	59	80
	Brian Mallette	R	R	6-0	185	01/19/75	Dublin, GA	Huntsville (AA)	7-2	1.96	44	0	0	17	55.0	43	23	71
								Indianapolis (AAA)	0-1	1.06	12	0	0	2	17.0	10	8	23
	Luis Martinez	L	L	6-7	210	01/20/80	Santo Domingo, DR	Huntsville (AA)	0-0	6.75	7	0	0	0	9.1	13	9	13
								High Desert (A)	8-9	5.19	22	22	0	0	112.2	112	64	121
57	Jose Mieses	R	R	6-1	165	10/14/79	Santo Domingo, DR	Huntsville (AA)	0-0	2.22	5	4	0	0	24.1	21	3	35
								Indianapolis (AAA)	0-3	6.08	3	3	0	0	13.1	23	7	13
								AZ-Brewers (R)	0-1	0.00	2	2	0	0	4.1	3	1	5
								Ogden (R)	0-1	27.00	1	1	0	0	1.0	3	1	2
32	Nick Neugebauer	R	R	6-3	225	07/15/80	Riverside, CA	Huntsville (AA)	5-6	3.46	21	21	1	0	106.2	94	52	149
								Indianapolis (AAA)	2-1	1.50	4	4	0	0	24.0	10	9	26
								Milwaukee	1-1	7.50	2	2	0	0	6.0	6	6	11
37	Ruben Quevedo	R	R	6-1	245	01/05/79	Valencia Carabobo, Venezuela	Milwaukee	4-5	4.61	10	10	0	0	56.2	56	30	60
								Iowa (AAA)	9-5	2.99	22	22	1	0	141.2	124	48	150
31	Paul Rigdon	R	R	6-5	210	11/02/75	Jacksonville, FL	Milwaukee	3-5	5.79	15	15	0	0	79.1	86	46	49
15	Ben Sheets	R	R	6-1	195	07/18/78	St. Amant, LA	Indianapolis (AAA)	1-1	3.38	2	2	0	0	10.2	14	3	6
								Milwaukee	11-10	4.76	25	25	1	0	151.1	166	48	94
21	Jamey Wright	R	R	6-5	221	12/24/74	Oklahoma City, OK	Milwaukee	11-12	4.90	33	33	1	0	194.2	201	98	129
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
12	Henry Blanco	R	R	5-11	170	08/29/71	Caracas, Venezuela	Milwaukee	.210	104	314	33	66	18	3	6	31	3
25	Raul Casanova	S	R	6-0	195	08/23/72	Humacao, Puerto Rico	Milwaukee	.260	71	192	21	50	10	0	11	33	0
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
10	Ronnie Belliard	R	R	5-8	180	04/07/75	Bronx, NY	Milwaukee	.264	101	364	69	96	30	3	11	36	5
16	Lou Collier	R	R	5-10	182	08/21/73	Chicago, IL	Indianapolis (AAA)	.288	86	312	48	90	17	2	14	36	9
								Milwaukee	.252	50	127	19	32	8	1	2	14	5
	Bill Hall	R	R	6-0	175	12/28/79	Nettleton, MS	High Desert (A)	.303	89	346	61	105	21	6	15	51	18
								Huntsville (AA)	.256	41	160	14	41	8	1	3	14	5
18	Jose Hernandez	R	R	6-1	180	07/14/69	Vega Alta, Puerto Rico	Milwaukee	.249	152	542	67	135	26	2	25	78	5
2	Tyler Houston	L	R	6-1	210	01/17/71	Long Beach, CA	Beloit (A)	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Milwaukee	.289	75	235	36	68	7	0	12	38	0
1	Luis Lopez	S	R	5-11	166	09/04/70	Cidra, Puerto Rico	Milwaukee	.270	92	222	22	60	8	3	4	18	0
8	Mark Loretta	R	R	6-0	180	08/14/71	Santa Monica, CA	Indianapolis (AAA)	.097	8	31	4	3	0	0	0	1	0
								Milwaukee	.289	102	384	40	111	14	2	2	29	1
9	Elvis Pena	S	R	5-11	155	09/15/76	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Indianapolis (AAA)	.240	127	437	56	105	15	3	1	28	12
								Milwaukee	.225	15	40	5	9	2	0	0	6	2
	Marcos Scutaro	R	R	5-10	170	10/30/75	Yaracuy, VZ	Indianapolis (AAA)	.295	132	495	87	146	29	3	11	50	11
11	Richie Sexson	R	R	6-7	225	12/29/74	Portland, OR	Milwaukee	.271	158	598	94	162	24	3	45	125	2
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
20	Jeromy Burnitz	L	R	6-0	205	04/15/69	Westminster, CA	Milwaukee	.251	154	562	104	141	32	4	34	100	0
	Ryan Christenson	R	R	6-5	205	08/10/76	Robbinsdale, MN	Arizona	.250	19	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
	Jeff Deardorff	R	R	6-3	220	08/14/78	Michigan City, IN	High Desert (A)	.304	69	260	40	79	18	1	15	57	5
								Huntsville (AA)	.279	58	201	30	56	11	1	14	43	1
	Cristian Guerrero	R	R	6-5	200	04/12/81	Bani, DR	High Desert (A)	.312	85	327	50	102	18	2	7	41	22
41	Jeffrey Hammonds	R	R	6-0	200	03/05/71	Scotch Plains, NJ	AZ-Brewers (R)	.333	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Milwaukee	.247	49	174	20	43	11	1	6	21	5
5	Geoff Jenkins	L	R	6-1	204	07/21/74	Olympia, WA	Beloit (A)	.333	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
								Milwaukee	.264	105	397	60	105	21	1	20	63	4
7	Alex Sanchez	L	L	5-10	179	8/26/76	Havana, Cuba	Indianapolis (AAA)	.313	83	335	52	105	14	5	1	26	27
								Milwaukee	.206	30	68	7	14	3	2	0	4	6
	Jorge Sosa	S	R	6-2	177	04/28/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Did Not Play										
33	Mark Sweeney	L	L	6-1	215	10/26/69	Framingham, MA	Indianapolis (AAA)	.287	109	404	65	116	34	1	6	69	3
								Milwaukee	.258	48	89	9	23	3	1	3	11	2

NL CENTRAL

Some of the finest young outfield prospects in the game won't save Reds from their pitching.

If you don't think baseball is all about starting pitching, you weren't paying attention to the Reds in 2001. Their rotation was a patchwork quilt that kept unraveling, and they found themselves constantly battling from behind in the early innings. It was no coincidence that General Manager Jim Bowden spent the off-season looking under every rock for anything resembling a reliable starter.

When your leading returning winner, Elmer Dessens, had a total of 10 victories (and 14 losses), you know there is work to be done. Dessens does not blow hitters away, but he can finesse you into frustration, which sometimes works just as well. Right-hander Chris Reitsma, whose rookie season went south so badly that he ended up in the bullpen, also uses that style of pitching. Come to think of it, Osvaldo Fernandez also fits that mold, so perhaps we're on to something here.

Young pitchers Lance Davis, Jose Acevedo and Brian Reith were overmatched at times in 2001, but have promising arms and could fit into the picture as the Reds try to rebuild their rotation. And Scott Williamson could jump back into the starting picture if he is healthy in the spring following elbow surgery that cost him the 2001 season.

Optimism abounds in outfield

Assuming Ken Griffey Jr. returns to good health in 2002 and resumes the career track that had the Reds frothing at the bit to acquire him two years ago, there is reason for great optimism in the outfield. Power-hitting rookie Adam Dunn made a huge splash when summoned in the middle of last season, socking 19 home runs in 244 at-bats. The left fielder is big and strong, much like a football tight end, and could be a dynamic force if he keeps his strikeout total somewhat in check. In a cost-cutting move, the

Reds sent productive left fielder Dmitri Young to Detroit in exchange for Juan Encarnacion, who did not blossom into the impact player the Tigers had envisioned. Encarnacion will battle for the right field job with rookie Austin Kearns, a good-looking hitter who finished off a fine minor league campaign in 2001 with a solid performance in the Arizona Fall League.

Griffey's grumblings

As for Griffey, the superstar center fielder needs to rediscover the passion for the game that was extinguished by a recurring hamstring injury last season. Griffey has yet to embrace a leadership role on the club, which is something a player of his stature must come to terms with.

First baseman Sean Casey's offensive production declined last season, but he still remains one of the better clutch hitters in the league. He batted .356 with runners in scoring position last season and is a gap hitter who seldom strikes out—the main reason he is adept at driving in runs. Second baseman Pokey Reese was another casualty of the club's winter belt-tightening, getting shipped off to Colorado with reliever Dennys Reyes. With Reese out of the picture, Todd Walker officially becomes the starter at second, a role he filled much of the time in 2001. No one questions Walker's ability to swing the bat, but he certainly falls short of Reese in the field.

Larkin's last legs

Aging shortstop Barry Larkin has seen his career spiral downward into a seemingly never-ending series of injuries in recent years. He played in only 45 games last season, and it's a lot tougher to be a leader when you're in the training room. Aaron Boone isn't the starting third baseman merely because his father is the manager, but



It was a tale of two seasons for Ken Griffey Jr. (top) and Sean Casey in 2001. Griffey endured a year of injuries, appearing in only 111 games, while Casey overcame a series of nagging hurts to become an All-Star for the second time in his career.

he, too, has had trouble staying in the lineup. Amazingly, Boone suffered three hand fractures last year when hit by pitches, forcing him to miss the equivalent of two months.

Jason LaRue handles the bulk of the catching duties, but has yet to develop into the steady

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.262	7	RUNS	735	12	FIELDING	.978	15
TOTAL BASES	2340	7	HOME RUNS	176	9	ERA	4.77	14
SLUGGING	.419	10	STOLEN BASES	103	4	SAVES	35	11
ON-BASE %	.324	10	LEFT ON BASE	1115	7	OPP. BA	.279	16



Personnel File

ADAM DUNN

Born: Houston, Texas

Birthday: November 9, 1979

MLB Debut: July 7, 2001

Family Ties: Single

Bet you didn't know that ... Adam is a former University of Texas quarterback.

contributor the Reds anticipated when they dealt Eddie Taubensee last year. Veteran Kelly Stinnett serves as the backup, a role he handles quite nicely with decent defensive skills and some pop in his bat.

Bullpen backup awaits

Should the Reds somehow piece together a decent rotation, there is considerable talent in the bullpen to back it up. Closer **Danny Graves** has his occasional hiccups (seven blown saves in 2001), but he throws strikes, makes the hitters put the ball in play, and seldom beats himself. Graves became the undisputed closer when Williamson, one of the most talented and versatile pitchers in the league, blew out his elbow. Williamson's reliance on a devastating split-finger fastball eventually took its toll, and the Reds can only hope he can come close to being the dominating pitcher he once was.

Another force to be reckoned with in the bullpen is workhorse right-hander **Scott Sullivan**, who once again used his rubber arm to surpass the 100-inning mark—a plateau most relievers can't touch. In fact, Sullivan has reached triple figures in four consecutive seasons, the longest active streak in the major leagues. Lefty **Gabe White**, acquired from Colorado in the Reese deal, was one of the top relievers in the league two years ago. He slipped badly last season, and no doubt was happy to get out of hitter-friendly Coors Field. **Hector Mercado** is another lefty who gets plenty of use (56 appearances last season), and right-handers **Chris Naching** (2.97 ERA, 17 saves at Triple-A) and **Jose Silva** help flesh out the relief corps.

One of the most uplifting stories in baseball last year was the return to the mound of former ace **Jose Rijo**, who was out of the game for some six years while undergoing a string of five elbow surgeries. Rijo proved to be anything but a charity case, compiling a 2.12 ERA in 13 relief appearances and drawing nightly standing ovations from loyal Cincinnati fans who understood the perseverance it took to hang in there for so long. Whether Rijo can take it one step further and work his way back into the starting rotation remains to be seen, but the Reds are certainly open to anything after the revolving-door situation of a year ago.

When you break the lineup down, there's great individual talent, particularly if Dunn and Kearns become impact players as expected. But there's nothing more deflating to a team than watching the pitching staff take you out of games on a nightly basis, and that's a situation the Reds must correct if they are to return to a contending mode in the division. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



BOB BOONE
Manager

COACHES

Bill Doran
Tim Foli
Don Gullett
Tom Hume
Ray Knight
Jim Lefebvre
Ron Oester

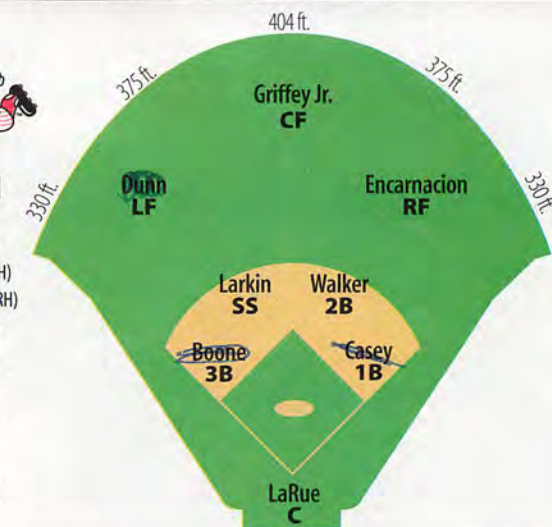


ROTATION

Dessens (RH)
Reitsma (RH)
Fernandez (RH)
Williamson (RH)
Acevedo (RH)

BULLPEN

Graves (RH)
Sullivan (RH)
White (LH)
Nighting (RH)
Mercado (LH)
Silva (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: AUSTIN KEARNS



Reds hope healthy Kearns will provide replay of Dunn's '01 season

Most analysts had rated Kearns a better prospect than fellow Reds outfielder Adam Dunn, but he was never able to show his skills due to a broken thumb ligament suffered in midseason. The injury prevented him from hitting for power and left Kearns with a .268 average in 205 at-bats in Double-A. Kearns runs very well for a big man (6-3, 220 pounds) and possesses one of the best throwing arms in the minor leagues, making him a prototype right fielder. To his credit, he did skip the high-Class A level and was able to hold his own. He was very impressive during the Arizona Fall League, batting .371, and with a solid spring training could follow Dunn to the majors.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Austin Kearns, OF
2. Ty Howington, LHP
3. Ben Broussard, 1B
4. Willy Mo Pena, OF
5. David Espinosa, SS
6. Gookie Dawkins, SS
7. Brian Reith, RHP
8. Jackson Melian, OF
9. Ricardo Aramboles, RHP
10. Dane Sardinha, C

The Reds have quickly turned around a poor minor league system by acquiring top talent through trades and by drafting the best athletes available to them. Kearns has the ability to develop into a prime cleanup hitter once he fills out his upper torso. Howington came off of bone spur surgery to put together a combined 2.31 ERA at three levels and is the hard-throwing pitcher the Reds need in the future.

Broussard, a similar player to current 1B Sean Casey, is a pure hitter with developing power who could hit in the majors right now. Espinosa, the switch-hitting leadoff hitter, and Pena, with his 26 HR/26 SB performance, led the Class A Dayton Dragons into the Midwest League playoffs. Both will

likely have to be placed in the majors before they're ready because of their contracts.

Dawkins, a defensive whiz, hit poorly in Double-A (.226), but the speedster was solid in the Arizona Fall League, hitting .331 with improved plate discipline. Reith was rushed to the majors in 2001, but the Reds know that the power pitcher needs to improve his slider and overall command. Melian has been a mild disappointment (.237 at Double-A) but possesses tremendous athletic skills.

Aramboles, acquired from the Yankees, has a live fastball and solid change-up, and is beginning to learn the nuances of pitching. Sardinha was completely overmatched at the plate at Mudville in the high-Class A California League, batting .235, but his defensive skills are as good as any catcher in the minors.

Left-hander John Koronka and right-handers David Gil and Jared Fernandez, a knuckleballer, could make some spot starts for Cincinnati. Right-handers John Riedling, Luis Pineda and Craig Dingman could play a role in a revamped Reds bullpen.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
29	Jose Acevedo	R	R	6-0	185	12/18/77	Santo Domingo, DR	Chattanooga (AA)	4-4	3.69	16	11	0	0	78.0	68	25	82
								Cincinnati	5-7	5.44	18	18	0	0	96.0	101	34	68
	Ricardo Arambales	R	R	6-2	170	12/04/81	Santo Domingo, DR	Columbus (AAA)	1-3	3.04	4	4	0	0	23.2	26	4	14
								Tampa (A)	7-2	4.06	12	11	0	0	68.2	72	19	59
								Chattanooga (AA)	0-2	8.00	2	1	0	0	9.0	12	0	5
								Dayton (A)	1-2	3.66	4	4	0	0	19.2	23	4	9
	Chris Booker	R	R	6-3	250	12/09/76	Monroeville, AL	West Tenn (AA)	2-6	4.33	45	0	0	1	52.0	39	36	76
								Chattanooga (AA)	2-0	3.94	16	0	0	1	16.0	13	11	25
53	Jim Brower	R	R	6-2	205	12/29/72	Edina, MN	Louisville (AAA)	1-0	4.09	2	2	0	0	11.0	12	2	11
								Cincinnati	7-10	3.97	46	10	0	1	129.1	119	60	94
59	Lance Davis	R	L	5-11	165	09/01/76	Winter Haven, FL	Louisville (AAA)	7-2	3.05	13	13	1	0	79.2	81	15	47
								Cincinnati	8-4	4.74	20	20	1	0	106.1	124	34	53
45	Elmer Dessens	R	R	6-0	187	01/13/72	Hermosillo, Mexico	Cincinnati	10-14	4.48	34	34	1	0	205.0	221	56	128
40	Seth Etherton	R	R	6-1	200	10/17/76	Laguna Beach, CA	Did Not Play										
43	Osvaldo Fernandez	R	R	6-2	190	10/15/65	Holguin, Cuba	Cincinnati	5-6	6.92	20	14	0	0	79.1	103	33	35
32	Danny Graves	R	R	5-11	185	08/07/73	Saigon, Vietnam	Cincinnati	6-5	4.15	66	0	0	32	80.1	83	18	49
	Luke Hudson	R	R	6-3	195	05/02/77	Fountain Valley, CA	Carolina (AA)	7-12	4.20	29	28	1	0	165.0	159	68	145
52	Hector Mercado	L	L	6-3	235	04/29/74	Catano, Puerto Rico	Louisville (AAA)	1-0	1.35	12	0	0	1	13.1	12	6	13
								Cincinnati	3-2	4.08	56	0	0	0	53.0	55	30	59
	Chris Nichting	R	R	6-1	205	05/13/66	Cincinnati, OH	Col-Cin	0-3	4.46	43	0	0	1	42.1	55	8	40
60	Chris Piersoll	R	R	6-4	195	09/25/77	Van Nuys, CA	Chattanooga (AA)	1-4	3.38	50	0	0	19	56.0	48	30	78
								Cincinnati	0-0	2.38	11	0	0	0	11.1	12	6	7
30	Luis Pineda	R	R	6-1	160	06/10/78	San Cristobal, DR	Erie (AA)	6-2	3.05	16	12	2	0	85.2	68	28	92
								Toledo (AAA)	1-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	8.0	3	0	6
								Detroit	0-1	4.91	16	0	0	0	18.1	16	14	13
57	Brian Reith	R	R	6-5	190	02/28/78	Ft. Wayne, IN	Louisville (AAA)	0-0	3.60	1	1	0	0	5.0	7	1	6
								Chattanooga (AA)	6-4	3.97	18	18	1	0	104.1	103	42	89
								Cincinnati	0-7	7.81	9	8	0	0	40.1	56	16	22
41	Chris Reitsma	R	R	6-5	214	12/31/77	Minneapolis, MN	Cincinnati	7-15	5.29	36	29	0	0	182.0	209	49	96
46	John Riedling	R	R	5-11	190	08/29/75	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Louisville (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	1	1
								Cincinnati	1-1	2.41	29	0	0	1	33.2	22	14	23
	Jose Rijo	R	R	6-3	200	05/13/65	San Cristobal, DR	Cincinnati	0-0	2.12	13	0	0	0	17.0	19	9	12
	Jose Silva	R	R	6-5	227	12/19/73	Tijuana, Mexico	Pittsburgh	3-3	6.75	26	0	0	0	32.0	35	9	23
56	Scott Sullivan	R	R	6-3	210	03/13/71	Carrollton, AL	Cincinnati	7-1	3.31	79	0	0	0	103.1	94	36	82
36	Gabe White	L	L	6-2	204	11/20/71	Sebring, FL	Colorado	1-7	6.25	69	0	0	0	67.2	70	26	47
48	Scott Williamson	R	R	6-0	185	02/17/76	Fort Polk, LA	Cincinnati	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	0.2	1	2	0

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
23	Jason LaRue	R	R	5-11	200	03/19/74	Houston, TX	Cincinnati	.236	121	364	39	86	21	2	12	43	3
37	Corky Miller	R	R	6-1	220	03/18/76	Loma Linda, CA	Chattanooga (AA)	.276	59	170	25	47	12	0	9	42	1
								Louisville (AAA)	.347	44	144	30	50	11	0	7	28	2
								Cincinnati	.184	17	49	5	9	2	0	3	7	1
70	Dane Sardinha	R	R	6-0	215	04/08/79	Honolulu, HI	Mudville (A)	.235	109	422	45	99	24	2	9	55	0
31	Kelly Stinnett	R	R	5-11	225	02/04/70	Lawton, OK	Cincinnati	.257	63	187	27	48	11	0	9	25	2

#	INFIELDBERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
17	Aaron Boone	R	R	6-2	200	03/09/73	La Mesa, CA	Louisville (AAA)	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Cincinnati	.294	103	381	54	112	26	2	14	62	6
21	Sean Casey	L	R	6-4	225	07/02/74	Willingboro, NJ	Cincinnati	.310	145	533	69	165	40	0	13	89	3
12	Juan Castro	R	R	5-10	187	06/20/72	Los Mochis, Mexico	Cincinnati	.223	96	242	27	54	10	0	3	13	0
76	Gookie Dawkins	R	R	6-1	180	05/12/79	Newberry, SC	Chattanooga (AA)	.226	104	394	59	89	16	3	8	40	14
79	David Espinosa	R	R	6-1	180	12/16/81	Caracas, Venezuela	Dayton (A)	.262	122	493	88	129	29	8	7	37	15
6	Wilton Guerrero	S	R	6-0	175	10/24/74	Don Gregorio, DR	Louisville (AAA)	.304	54	227	23	69	14	2	0	28	12
								Cincinnati	.338	60	142	16	48	5	1	1	8	5
11	Barry Larkin	R	R	6-0	185	04/28/64	Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati	.256	45	156	29	40	12	0	2	17	3
2	Todd Walker	L	R	6-0	185	05/25/73	Bakersfield, CA	Colorado	.297	85	290	52	86	18	2	12	43	1
								Cincinnati	.295	66	261	41	77	17	0	5	32	0

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
61	Ben Broussard	L	L	6-2	220	09/24/76	Beaumont, TX	Mudville (A)	.245	30	102	14	25	5	0	5	21	0
								Chattanooga (AA)	.320	100	353	81	113	27	0	23	69	10
44	Adam Dunn	L	R	6-6	240	11/09/79	Houston, TX	Chattanooga (AA)	.343	39	140	30	48	9	0	12	31	6
								Louisville (AAA)	.329	55	210	44	69	13	0	20	53	5
								Cincinnati	.262	66	244	54	64	18	1	19	43	4
34	Juan Encarnacion	R	R	6-3	187	03/08/76	Las Matas de Faran, DR	Detroit	.242	120	417	52	101	19	7	12	52	9
30	Ken Griffey Jr.	L	L	6-3	205	11/21/69	Donora, PA	Cincinnati	.286	111	364	57	104	20	2	22	65	2
26	Robin Jennings	L	L	6-2	210	04/11/72	Singapore, Singapore	Sacramento (AAA)	.306	38	144	26	44	11	3	5	26	5
								Oakland	.250	20	52	4	13	3	0	0	4	0
								Colo. Sprngs (AAA)	.282	11	39	8	11	1	0	2	5	1
								Colorado	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Louisville (AAA)	.301	28	113	18	34	6	0	8	15	2
								Cincinnati	.286	27	77	10	22	5	2	3	14	0
	Austin Kearns	R	R	6-3	220	05/20/80	Lexington, KY	GC-Reds (R)	.176	6	17	2	3	2	0	0	4	0
								Chattanooga (AA)	.268	59	205	30	55	11	2	6	36	7
21	Ruben Mateo	R	R	6-0	185	02/10/78	San Cristobal, DR	Oklahoma (AAA)	.216	14	51	3	11	3	0	1	8	1
								Texas	.248	40	129	18	32	5	2	1	13	1
								Louisville (AAA)	.251	65	251	35	63	16	4	2	25	2
78	Jackson Melian	R	R	6-2	190	01/20/80	Barcelona, Venezuela	Chattanooga (AA)	.237	120	426	64	101	22	0	16	52	10
81	Wily Mo Pena	R	R	6-3	215	01/23/82	Laguna Salada, DR	Dayton (A)	.264	135	511	87	135	25	5	26	113	26

Pittsburgh Pirates

In first full year with Bucs, GM Littlefield will be tested in putting together puzzle with few good pieces.

Consider the situation new General Manager Dave Littlefield found himself in after taking over the reins of the Pirates late last season. Pittsburgh ranked last in the N.L. in hitting with a puny .247 team average, 15th in pitching with a woeful 5.05 ERA and 14th in defense with an alarming 133 errors. What do you get a team that needs everything?

The Pirates obviously have several areas to address, but the primary cause of their collapse can be traced to the disintegration of what once was a promising young starting rotation. The bad news began immediately

in spring training last year when big right-hander Kris Benson blew out his elbow and was lost for the season. After Benson underwent Tommy John surgery,

there's no guarantee he will be of any major help in 2002, either, though the Pirates are keeping their fingers crossed.

After several injury-plagued seasons, right-hander Jason Schmidt finally got his act together, but management figured it couldn't afford to pay him and dealt him to San Francisco for outfielder Armando Rios and right-hander Ryan Vogelsong. In a continuance of the Pirates' buzzard luck, Rios immediately broke a leg and Vogelsong suffered an arm injury, rendering both players useless for the remainder of the season. Heck, it got so bad that even Pittsburgh's top pitching prospect, Bobby Bradley, blew out, derailing his career path to the big leagues.

Ex-Sox add sock to pitching

Oddly enough, the Pirates began to retool their starting rotation by trading their top winner of a year ago, right-hander Todd Ritchie (11-15). They went for a two-for-one special, sending Ritchie to the Chicago White Sox for young right-hander Kip Wells and versatile Sean Lowe, both of whom pitched as starters and relievers in 2001. Hey, when you need help in the rotation and bullpen, you need all the swingmen you can find. Left-hander Jimmy Anderson appeared headed for a 20-loss season with the Pirates a year ago before finally applying the breaks and holding it to 17. On some nights, Anderson gets his act together and uses his sinker to get hitters to beat the ball into the ground. But he leaves far too many pitches over the plate, allowing an eye-popping 401 hits in 350 1/3 innings over the last

A move to the outfield may allow Jason Kendall to concentrate more on his batting average, which dropped below .300 (.266) for the first time since 1997.



Aramis Ramirez rebounded from a disappointing 2000 rookie campaign to become the Pirates' top run producer last season.

two seasons. Lefty Dave Williams, rushed to the big leagues at age 22, held his own for the most part (3.71 ERA in 18 starts) and probably will assume a regular role in the rotation. Right-hander Tony McKnight, acquired during the season from Houston in exchange for closer Mike Williams, is another young pitcher who will be allowed to sink or swim at the big-league level. Also in the picture is lefty Joe Beimel, who took more than his share of lumps (131 hits in 115 innings, 5.23 ERA) during his rookie campaign in 2001.

How the bullpen falls together remains to be seen. After Williams was dealt to Houston, the closer chores went to Mike Fetters, who came from Los Angeles in a trade for veteran lefty Terry Mulholland. But Fetters exercised his right to request a trade and the Pirates weren't sure he'd even be on the staff when spring training opened. The workhorse of the relief corps last year was right-hander Josias Manzanillo (71 appearances), but the club opted not to bring him back when his price went up. That means right-handers Bronson Arroyo and Mike Lincoln should get even more work this season. Lincoln was a pleasant surprise last year, fashioning a 2.68 ERA in 31 relief outings. Scott Sauerbeck (70 appearances in 2001) is called upon often as a late-inning left-handed specialist.

Setback season for Kendall

The Pirates had good reason to be excited about the long-term, \$10 million-per-year contract that

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.247	16	RUNS	657	15	FIELDING	.978	14
TOTAL BASES	2122	15	HOME RUNS	161	13	ERA	5.05	15
SLUGGING	.393	15	STOLEN BASES	93	6	SAVES	36	10
ON-BASE %	.313	16	LEFT ON BASE	1058	2	OPP. BA	.272	13



Personnel File

BRIAN STEPHEN GILES

Born: El Cajon, California

Birthday: January 20, 1971

MLB Debut: September 16, 1995

Family Ties: Brother Marcus plays second base for the Atlanta Braves.

Bet you didn't know that ... Three items that Brian takes on road trips are his "Scream" mask, tanning accelerator and shaving kit.

catcher **Jason Kendall** signed prior to the 2001 season. He was a perennial All-Star at the time and the deal prevented him from walking away as a free agent. But Kendall played most of last season with a nagging thumb injury and was far from the offensive threat he had been in previous years. His batting average plummeted 54 points (to .266), he was moved around in the lineup and eventually began seeing time in the outfield in what was billed a move to save his legs for the future. It also supposedly opened the door for catching prospect **J.R. House**, one of the top players in Pittsburgh's farm system. Kendall often looked like a fish out of water, however.

The other big-money player on the roster, outfielder **Brian Giles**, got off to a slow start last season and fell short of the 100-RBI mark. He remains, however, one of the most dangerous hitters in the N.L. Giles is one of those rare sluggers who walks more than he strikes out (90 walks, 67 Ks in 2001), which results in a better on-base percentage (.404) and therefore more runs scored (116). In other words, he doesn't just swing for the fences at the expense of his overall game.

Finding two dependable outfielders to flank Giles remains a challenge. The Pirates expect Rios to bounce back and take over in right field. The center field job is up for grabs entering spring training, with **Adrian Brown** and perennial prospect **Chad Hermansen** doing battle.

Now, the good news: Aramis Ramirez

Wise baseball men will tell you that highly rated minor league prospects don't always develop at the rate expected, which brings us to third baseman **Aramis Ramirez**. The Pirates tried to get him to the big leagues soon after he turned 20, but Ramirez found himself on a frustrating shuttle between the majors and Triple-A for a couple of years. He finally stopped that nonsense last season, showing what all the fuss was about by batting .300 with 34 home runs and a team-high 112 RBI. Ramirez is a bit shaky in the field at times, but at age 23 he now has what appears to be the bright future forecast a few years back.

If only the rest of the infield could get its act together. First baseman **Kevin Young** is one of the least-effective players at his position in the league, struggling both offensively and defensively. Injury-prone **Pat Meares** can't stay on the field, and the middle infield has evolved into a revolving door that includes the likes of **Jack Wilson**, **Rob Mackowiak**, **Enrique Wilson** and **Warren Morris**.

With a puzzle this scrambled, the pieces won't come together overnight. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



LLOYD MCCLENDON
Manager

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Tommy Sandt
Bruce Tanner
Bill Virdon
Spin Williams

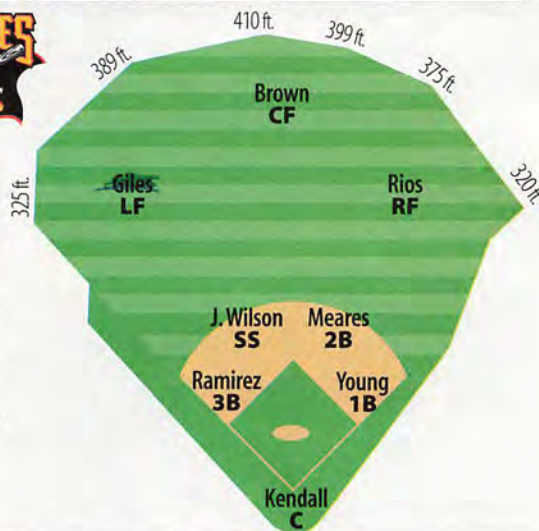


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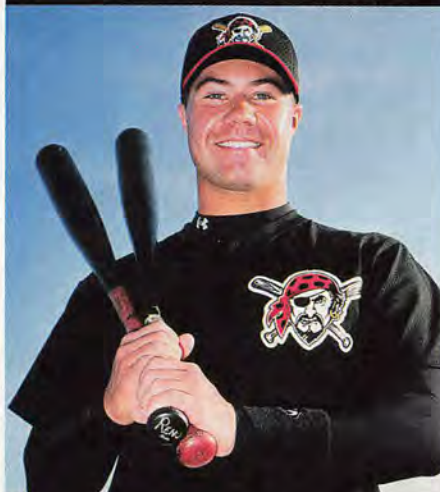
Benson (RH)
Anderson (LH)
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Williams (LH)
McKnight (RH)

BULLPEN

Lowe (RH)
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Arroyo (RH)
Lincoln (RH)
Beimel (LH)
Fetters (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: J.R. HOUSE



Former standout quarterback has all the tools behind the plate

The top upper-level catcher in the minors, he suffered through a disappointing season with the bat (.258, 11 HR, 56 RBI at Double-A), which most young receivers encounter. He has a quick, powerful stroke that generates power to all fields, but his strike zone judgment deteriorated, as he struck out nearly a fourth of the time. He has the tools to succeed behind the plate, possessing excellent arm strength, but showed poor footwork and blocking ability despite his obvious athleticism. The former record-setting West Virginia prep quarterback contemplated a return to football in 2000, but focused his attention on baseball when the Pirates committed to him as a catcher.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. J.R. House, C | 6. Ryan Vogelsong, RHP |
| 2. John VanBenschoten, RHP | 7. Antonio Alvarez, OF |
| 3. Bobby Bradley, RHP | 8. J.J. Davis, OF |
| 4. Jose Castillo, SS | 9. Aron Weston, OF |
| 5. Sean Burnett, LHP | 10. Josh Fogg, RHP |

The 2001 season wasn't very kind to Pirate prospects, as there were an assortment of pitching injuries and poor performances from the organization's top hitters. House took a step back offensively, although he was jumped to Double-A. He still packs plenty of power and will be a solid receiver with experience. VanBenschoten, one of the top power hitters in college, was surprisingly placed on the mound, where he showed off his incredible arm strength at short-season Class A (3.51 ERA). Bradley has a devastating curveball and a good feel for pitching, but a maximum-effort delivery has left him with two elbow surgeries.

Castillo saw his power numbers decline (.245-7-49 at

Class A Lynchburg), but the athletic shortstop has the tools to succeed if he can control the strike zone. Burnett is a finesse pitcher with a sinking change-up, but improved his velocity and overall command, going 11-8, 2.62 at Class A Hickory. Vogelsong came over from San Francisco in July, but tore an elbow ligament in his second start, placing his dominant fastball and the 2002 season on hold.

Alvarez has hit at each level, showing good speed and athleticism, but as a corner outfielder he will need to hit for more power. Hamstring injuries cut short the seasons of Davis and Weston. Both are tall, athletic players with excellent speed and power potential. Fogg doesn't overpower anyone, but induces plenty of ground balls.

Outfielder Tike Redman will likely be the Pirates' fourth outfielder, and possesses plus speed and defense. Manager Lloyd McClendon may turn to Humberto Cota to back up Jason Kendall. Left-handed starters Mike Gonzalez and John Grabow could surface by midseason, with RHP Chris Spurling possibly nailing down a bullpen spot.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
55	Jimmy Anderson	L	L	6-1	207	01/22/76	Portsmouth, VA	Pittsburgh	9-17	5.10	34	34	1	0	206.1	232	83	89
69	Bronson Arroyo	R	R	6-5	180	02/24/77	Key West, FL	Nashville (AAA)	6-2	3.93	9	9	2	0	66.1	63	15	49
								Pittsburgh	5-7	5.09	24	13	1	0	88.1	99	34	39
53	Joe Beimel	L	L	6-2	201	04/19/77	St. Marys, PA	Pittsburgh	7-11	5.23	42	15	0	0	115.1	131	49	58
34	Kris Benson	R	R	6-4	200	11/07/74	Superior, WI	Did Not Play										
	Adrian Burnside	R	L	6-4	190	03/15/77	Alice Springs, Australia	Jacksonville (AA)	4-3	2.66	13	12	0	0	67.2	44	30	67
								Altoona (AA)	0-2	3.62	6	6	0	0	32.1	28	14	32
39	Mike Fetters	R	R	6-4	226	12/19/64	Van Nuys, CA	Los Angeles	2-1	6.07	34	0	0	1	29.2	33	13	26
								Pittsburgh	1-1	4.58	20	0	0	8	17.2	16	13	11
	Josh Fogg	R	R	6-2	205	12/13/76	Lynn, MA	Charlotte (AAA)	4-7	4.79	40	16	0	4	114.2	129	30	89
								Chicago (AL)	0-0	2.03	11	0	0	0	13.1	10	3	17
	Mike Gonzalez	R	L	6-2	217	05/23/78	Corpus Christi, TX	Lynchburg (A)	2-2	2.93	14	2	0	0	30.2	28	7	32
								Altoona (AA)	5-4	3.71	14	14	1	0	87.1	81	36	66
	John Grabow	L	L	6-2	185	11/04/78	Arcadia, CA	GC-Pirates (R)	0-1	3.75	6	6	0	0	12.0	11	4	9
								Lynchburg (A)	1-3	6.38	7	7	0	0	36.2	42	26	35
								Altoona (AA)	2-5	3.38	10	10	0	0	50.2	30	39	42
	Wilson Guzman	L	L	5-11	200	07/14/77	Palo Verde, DR	Did Not Play										
57	Mike Lincoln	R	R	6-2	210	04/10/75	Carmichael, CA	Nashville (AAA)	5-4	3.44	18	13	1	0	91.2	90	25	71
								Pittsburgh	2-1	2.68	31	0	0	0	40.1	34	11	24
50	Sean Lowe	R	R	6-2	215	03/29/71	Dallas, TX	Charlotte (AAA)	1-1	4.50	2	2	0	0	10.0	9	2	8
								Chicago (AL)	9-4	3.61	45	11	0	3	127.0	123	32	71
46	Damaso Marte	L	L	6-0	170	02/14/75	Santo Domingo, DR	Norwich (AA)	3-1	3.50	23	0	0	1	36.0	29	7	36
								Nashville (AAA)	0-0	3.38	4	0	0	0	5.1	3	0	4
								Pittsburgh	0-1	4.71	23	0	0	0	36.1	34	12	39
45	Tony McKnight	L	R	6-5	205	06/29/77	Texarkana, AR	New Orleans (AAA)	9-5	4.76	18	18	1	0	92.2	104	24	61
								Houston	1-0	4.00	3	3	0	0	18.0	21	3	10
								Pittsburgh	2-6	5.19	12	12	0	0	69.1	88	21	36
47	Scott Sauerbeck	R	L	6-3	197	11/09/71	Cincinnati, OH	Pittsburgh	2-2	5.60	70	0	0	2	62.2	61	40	79
	Kevin Tolar	R	L	6-3	225	01/28/71	Panama City, FL	Detroit	0-0	6.75	9	0	0	0	10.2	7	13	8
28	Ryan Vogelsong	R	R	6-3	195	07/22/77	Charlotte, NC	Fresno (AAA)	3-3	2.79	10	10	0	0	58.0	35	18	53
								San Francisco	0-3	5.65	13	0	0	0	28.2	29	14	17
								Nashville (AAA)	2-3	3.98	6	6	0	0	31.2	26	15	33
								Pittsburgh	0-2	12.00	2	2	0	0	6.0	10	6	7
32	Kip Wells	R	R	6-3	195	04/21/77	Houston, TX	Charlotte (AAA)	2-1	3.55	4	4	0	0	25.1	26	8	24
								Chicago (AL)	10-11	4.79	40	20	0	0	133.1	145	61	99
58	Dave Williams	L	L	6-2	205	03/12/79	Anchorage, AK	Altoona (AA)	5-2	2.61	9	8	1	0	58.2	45	12	39
								Nashville (AAA)	1-1	3.38	2	2	0	0	10.2	9	5	6
								Pittsburgh	3-7	3.71	22	18	0	0	114.0	100	45	57

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
11	Humberto Cota	R	R	6-0	175	02/07/79	San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico	Nashville (AAA)	.297	111	377	61	112	22	2	14	72	7
								Pittsburgh	.222	7	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
	J.R. House	R	R	6-1	202	11/11/79	Charleston, WV	Altoona (AA)	.258	112	426	51	110	25	1	11	56	1
18	Jason Kendall	R	R	6-0	195	06/26/74	San Diego, CA	Pittsburgh	.266	157	606	84	161	22	2	10	53	13
15	Keith Osik	R	R	6-0	192	10/22/68	Port Jefferson, NY	Pittsburgh	.208	56	120	9	25	4	0	2	13	1

#	INFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
6	Mike Benjamin	R	R	6-0	172	11/22/65	Euclid, OH	Did Not Play										
2	Pat Meares	R	R	6-0	187	09/06/68	Salina, KS	Pittsburgh	.211	87	270	27	57	11	1	4	25	0
30	Warren Morris	L	R	5-11	179	01/11/74	Alexandria, LA	Nashville (AAA)	.305	57	223	26	68	16	2	5	40	3
								Pittsburgh	.204	48	103	6	21	6	0	2	11	2
10	Abraham Nunez	S	R	5-11	185	03/16/76	Santo Domingo, DR	Pittsburgh	.262	115	301	30	79	11	4	1	21	8
16	Aramis Ramirez	R	R	6-1	219	06/25/78	Santo Domingo, DR	Pittsburgh	.300	158	603	83	181	40	0	34	112	5
36	Craig A. Wilson	R	R	6-2	217	11/30/76	Fountain Valley, CA	Nashville (AAA)	.289	11	45	4	13	2	1	1	3	0
								Pittsburgh	.310	88	158	27	49	3	1	13	32	3
12	Jack Wilson	R	R	5-10	170	12/29/77	Westlake Village, CA	Nashville (AAA)	.369	27	103	20	38	6	1	1	6	2
								Pittsburgh	.223	108	390	44	87	17	1	3	25	1
29	Kevin Young	R	R	6-3	222	06/16/69	Alpena, MI	Pittsburgh	.232	142	449	53	104	33	0	14	65	15

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Tony Alvarez	R	R	6-1	202	05/10/79	Caracas, VZ	Lynchburg (A)	.344	25	93	10	32	4	0	2	11	7
								Altoona (AA)	.319	67	254	34	81	16	1	6	25	17
14	Derek Bell	R	R	6-2	215	12/11/68	Tampa, FL	Nashville (AAA)	.162	22	68	12	11	3	0	1	9	0
								Pittsburgh	.173	46	156	14	27	3	0	5	13	0
13	Adrian Brown	S	R	6-0	185	02/07/74	McComb, MS	Altoona (AA)	.333	7	30	7	10	1	1	0	1	1
								Lynchburg (A)	.333	4	18	2	6	0	0	0	1	2
								Williamsport (A)	.333	4	18	4	6	0	1	0	4	2
								Pittsburgh	.194	8	31	3	6	0	0	1	2	2
	J.J. Davis	R	R	6-6	230	10/25/78	Glendora, CA	GC-Pirates (R)	.471	4	17	3	8	1	0	2	6	0
								Altoona (AA)	.250	67	228	21	57	13	3	4	26	2
24	Brian Giles	L	L	5-10	200	01/20/71	El Cajon, CA	Pittsburgh	.309	160	576	116	178	37	7	37	95	13
3	Chad Hermansen	R	R	6-2	185	09/10/77	Salt Lake City, UT	Nashville (AAA)	.246	123	447	75	110	22	6	17	64	22
								Pittsburgh	.164	22	55	5	9	1	0	2	5	0
59	Rob Mackowiak	L	R	5-10	168	06/20/76	Oak Lawn, IL	Nashville (AAA)	.263	32	118	14	31	5	0	4	14	1
								Pittsburgh	.266	83	214	30	57	15	2	4	21	4
5	Tike Redman	L	L	5-11	166	03/10/77	Tuscaloosa, AL	Nashville (AAA)	.304	95	398	53	121	18	10	3	42	21
								Pittsburgh	.224	37	125	8	28	4	1	1	4	3
17	Armando Rios	L	L	5-9	185	09/13/71	Santurce, Puerto Rico	San Francisco	.259	93	316	38	82	17	3	14	49	3
								Pittsburgh	.333	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST



Aging Diamondbacks look to one-two pitching punch to take seller's market out West.

By Tracy Ringolsby, *Rocky Mountain News*

The National League West knows all about the nation's economic woes. Known as a buyer's division in recent years, the N.L. West was in a definite downturn this past off-season. Not one star-quality player was added by any of the division members.

And all five N.L. West teams bid adieu to All-Star-caliber players, most notably L.A.'s Gary Sheffield.

It wasn't surprising in San Diego. Tony Gwynn retired, injuries haunting him in the final year of a career that will eventually lead to his enshrinement in the Hall of Fame.

But there were no acquisitions of the likes of a Randy Johnson or Mike Hampton or Kevin Brown or Barry Bonds by any of the others, either.

The Dodgers made the decision not to get involved in the bidding game to retain free-agent starters Chan Ho Park and Terry Adams.

Arizona let outfielder Reggie Sanders depart as a free agent to the rival Giants without even offering arbitration, opting instead for the lower-priced Danny Bautista to assume a more regular role.

San Francisco had to get creative to make sure it could retain Bonds and Jason Schmidt, which meant virtually giving away left-hander Shawn Estes to the Mets.

Colorado sent third baseman Jeff Cirillo to Seattle for middle reliever Jose Paniagua and two pitching prospects.

Arizona Diamondbacks

Arizona, which in its fourth year of existence won a world championship, the quickest ever for an expansion team, is in position to repeat if the one-two rotation combo of Curt Schilling and Johnson can repeat their dominating seasons. There's also the question of whether a lineup and rotation without a player under 30 can hold up for a second year in a row.

The Diamondbacks' biggest move was picking up left-hander Mike Myers from the Rockies

for two prospects, including promising young hitter Jack Cust.

San Francisco Giants

The Giants will look to stay close in the first half of the season, and then, like last year, open up their checkbook for a late-season bat to protect Bonds in the middle of the lineup. They are counting on rookie Kurt Ainsworth being able to fill the rotation void created by dealing Estes.

Los Angeles Dodgers

Los Angeles remains a defensive mess, and is counting on Brown and Andy Ashby both to come off surgeries and be able to dominate early. With Sheffield gone, the offense is primarily a one-man show now with Shawn Green.

Colorado Rockies

The Rockies go into a spring training with a definite shortage of run production from the right side, but for the first time in the history of the franchise they have more healthy and legitimate candidates for the rotation (seven) than they have spots. A key for the Rockies will be how Hampton adjusts in his second year at Coors Field.

San Diego Padres

San Diego is looking ahead to opening a new stadium in 2004, placing the emphasis for now on young and inexpensive players. But the Padres do have the X factor of manager Bruce Bochy, who flourishes in a situation where his bosses understand the difficulties involved and he can focus on getting the most out of his team instead of having to deal with an uncertain job status.

Much will depend on how starters Ryan Klesko, Phil Nevin and D'Angelo Jimenez respond to position changes.



DIVISION'S BEST

TOP PLAYER:

Larry Walker Rockies

TOP PITCHER:

Randy Johnson Diamondbacks

TOP ROOKIE:

Sean Burroughs Padres

Arizona Diamondbacks

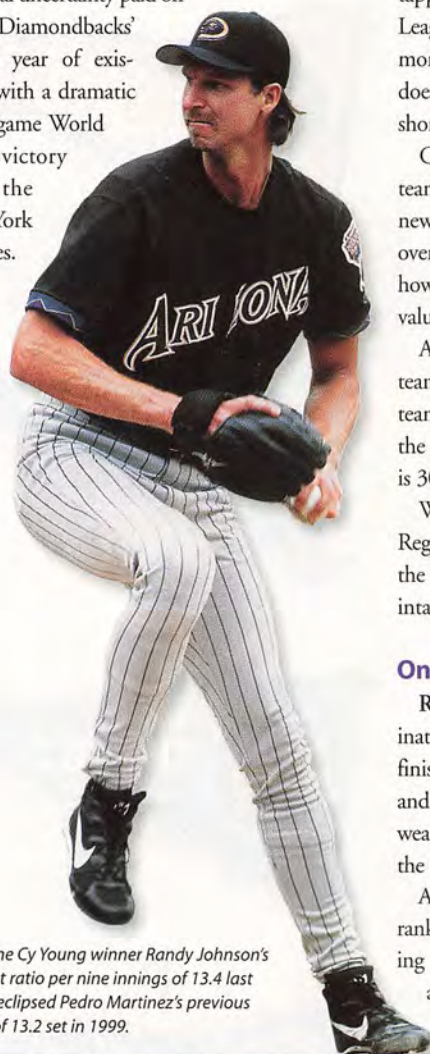
N L W E S T

No fire sale here; nearly intact D'backs believe they can defend their World Series crown.

Diamondbacks CEO Jerry Colangelo learned his lesson well with the NBA's Phoenix Suns:

When there's a chance to win, don't hesitate. The opportunities don't come that often.

Colangelo's willingness to spend his team into financial uncertainty paid off in the Diamondbacks' fourth year of existence with a dramatic seven-game World Series victory over the New York Yankees.



Four-time Cy Young winner Randy Johnson's strikeout ratio per nine innings of 13.4 last season eclipsed Pedro Martinez's previous record of 13.2 set in 1999.

And Colangelo doesn't want to stop there. "This isn't the Florida Marlins (of 1997)," he says. "We're going to keep this team together."

It hasn't been cheap.

The Diamondbacks' cash-flow problems have been severe enough that Colangelo already has tapped into Arizona's line of credit with Major League Baseball for \$20 million, and has deferred more than \$120 million in player salaries, which doesn't bode well for the long run but did provide short-term gratification.

Colangelo came up with a plan to help the team's cash flow during the offseason, bringing in new investors who will contribute \$160 million over the next 10 years. There was some resistance, however, because that meant the original stock value was cut nearly in half.

And Colangelo has given every indication his team won't be a one-time wonder. He knows the team needs to make another run fast, in light of the fact that every member of the starting lineup is 30 years or older and the rotation averages 32.

With the exception of free-agent outfielder Reggie Sanders, who signed with San Francisco, the Diamondbacks kept their team basically intact during the offseason.

One-two punch needs help

Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling are as dominating a one-two punch as any team boasts. They finished one-two in the N.L. Cy Young voting, and despite their age neither showed signs of wearing down at season's end, combining to pitch the Game Seven victory against the Yankees.

As well as combining for a 43-12 record, the duo ranked one-two in the N.L. in strikeouts, including 372 by Johnson in 249 2/3 innings. Johnson also led the league with a 2.49 ERA, and Schilling (2.98) made the Diamondbacks



Emotionally spent in the first half of the year due to the April death of his father, World Series hero Tony Womack put it all together late last season, batting .388 in his last 19 games and playing his best baseball in the postseason.

the only team in the majors with two starting pitchers who had ERAs below 3.00.

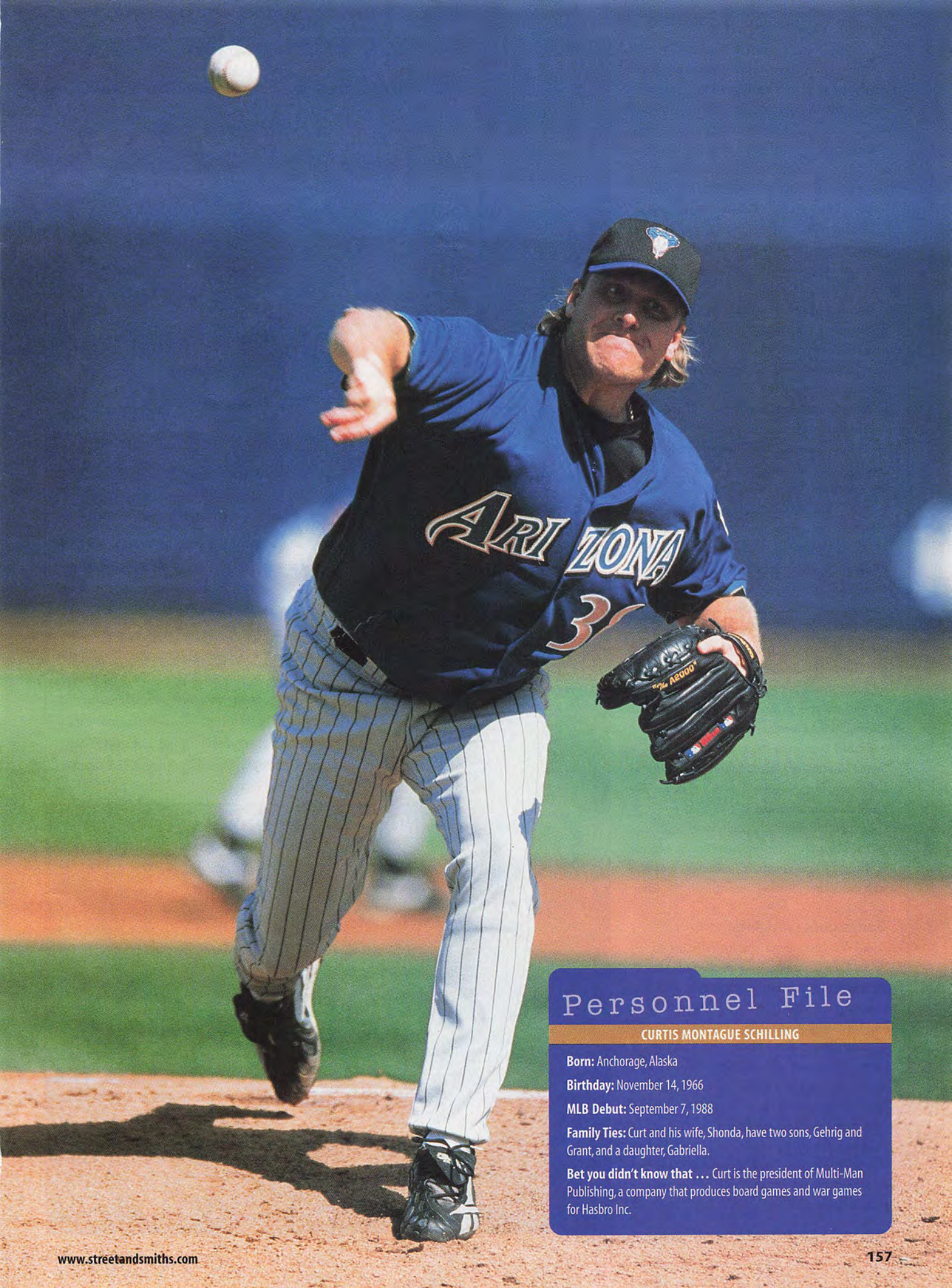
But Johnson and Schilling need more support, something that was missing last year when Miguel Batista ranked third among the Arizona starters with six victories in 18 starts. Arizona is counting on Brian Anderson to put together a solid season, and hoping for the return of Todd Stottlemyre, the victim of surgeries each of the last two years (elbow in 2000 and shoulder in 2001). The Diamondbacks also can look for midseason help from Armando Reynoso, who made only nine starts last year before agreeing to surgery on his right elbow that will sideline him in the opening months of 2002.

Who will close?

The bullpen is a concern. Matt Mantei is a quality closer when he is healthy, but his health is an issue. He made only eight appearances last year before undergoing reconstructive surgery on his right elbow. He was ahead of schedule in his off-season rehab, but the Diamondbacks are not looking for him to be on the mound until May at the earliest. While Mantei has the ability to dominate hitters, he has never appeared in more than 48 games in any of his 11 professional seasons, and never has worked as many as 60 innings.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.267	4	RUNS	818	3	FIELDING	.986	1
TOTAL BASES	2472	4	HOME RUNS	208	4	ERA	3.88	2
SLUGGING	.442	4	STOLEN BASES	71	11	SAVES	34	12
ON-BASE %	.341	4	LEFT ON BASE	1183	15	OPP. BA	.247	1



Personnel File

CURTIS MONTAGUE SCHILLING

Born: Anchorage, Alaska

Birthday: November 14, 1966

MLB Debut: September 7, 1988

Family Ties: Curt and his wife, Shonda, have two sons, Gehrig and Grant, and a daughter, Gabriella.

Bet you didn't know that ... Curt is the president of Multi-Man Publishing, a company that produces board games and war games for Hasbro Inc.

Byung-Hyun Kim proved to be a capable alternative to Mantei during the regular season, but the Korean submariner will have to deal with the demons of his World Series meltdowns.

Bret Prinz opened some eyes when he was called up in late April, but the fourth-year professional's right shoulder was a victim of the excessive workload that manager Bob Brenly demanded.

Veteran Mike Morgan and rookie Mike Koplove provide right-handed bullpen depth. Veterans Greg Swindell and Mike Myers are the only dependable lefties.

Damian Miller, an expansion draftee from Minnesota, emerged as a solid everyday catcher in 2001. A career .274 hitter, he added 13 home runs last season and threw out 34 percent of baserunners attempting to steal. There needs to be some caution, however. Miller suffered a partial labrum tear late in the season.

Rod Barajas and Chad Moeller provide contrasting values as backups to Miller. Barajas is a solid receiver, while Moeller shows offensive potential but could use regular time in the minors to further develop his defensive skills.

Durability is a concern for an infield that features aging players like Mark Grace at first and Matt Williams at third. Craig Counsell turned a utility job into a full-time claim at second base. He isn't flashy but knows how to play the game and has shown an ability to get clutch hits. Tony Womack provides a spark as the lead-off hitter, but is a problem at shortstop, where he was charged with 22 of the 84 errors the Diamondbacks made as a team.

Erubiel Durazo has been blocked at first base by the addition of Grace as a free agent prior to last season, but there is still the belief he has 30-plus home run potential.

Jay Bell can fill in at second, short and third, and will be around for one more season because of the high-priced contract he was given to sign with the Diamondbacks prior to their 1998 debut.

Gonzo goes yard (lots)

Age has become an ally for 34-year-old left fielder Luis Gonzalez, who for the fifth consecutive season increased his home run total, finishing with a club-record 57 while driving in 142 runs and hitting .325.

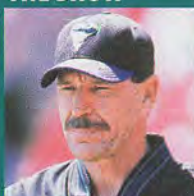
Center fielder Steve Finley struggled enough early in the season that the Diamondbacks were trying to unload him at the All-Star break a year ago. He bounced back for a solid second half despite ongoing back problems.

Danny Bautista provided such a solid effort off the bench that Arizona allowed Sanders to leave. He should get the bulk of the playing time in right field. ■

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Anderson (LH)
Stottlemire (RH)

BULLPEN

Mantei (RH)
Kim (RH)
Prinz (RH)
Morgan (RH)
Myers (LH)
Swindell (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: ALEX CINTRON



Defensive ace at shortstop must prove himself with bat to stick

The Diamondbacks have longed for a true shortstop ever since Jay Bell was forced off of the position, but the wait may be over. Cintron has outstanding athleticism and arm strength, allowing him to make plays in both directions. Offensively, he has line-drive power and has been able to hit for average, but he doesn't walk much and can be overpowered by good pitching. His speed is good, but he doesn't know how to use it on the bases. His defense is the best in the Arizona system, but with an offense that can't afford additional weak spots, he must show that he can contribute with the bat, or risk another season in Triple-A.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. John Patterson, RHP
2. Lyle Overbay, 1B
3. Luis Terrero, OF
4. Alex Cintron, SS
5. Mike Gosling, LHP
6. Brad Cresse, C
7. Beltran Perez, RHP
8. Jose Valverde, RHP
9. Jesus Cota, 1B
10. Scott Hairston, 2B

Arizona has lost several top prospects in their quest for a World Series title, but serving the short-term may have a long-lasting, negative impact. Patterson resumed throwing late last summer after ligament transplant surgery on his elbow, and could make the Arizona roster in short time. Overbay always seems to get the fat part of the bat on the ball, producing a solid batting average, but doesn't have the over-the-fence power that is needed for a major league first baseman.

Terrero finally put his athleticism and power into action last season, hitting .299 at Double-A El Paso. He still needs to exercise more patience. Cintron is ready defensively but hit

a hollow .292 (3 HR, 35 RBI, 53 runs in 425 at-bats) in Triple-A. He needs to utilize his speed and take more walks. Gosling made his debut in the Arizona Fall League, showing mound presence and a lively fastball.

Cresse is an offensive-minded catcher who can be adequate behind the plate. Perez showed incredible poise and command for his youth, and projects to throw much harder as he matures. Valverde attacks hitters with incredible velocity and nasty breaking pitches, but the reliever needs to smooth out his mechanics. Cota was the Triple Crown winner in the Pioneer League, and shows excellent strike-zone judgment to go along with his powerful swing.

Hairston is a hustling-type player with athleticism and good power (14 HR, .588 slugging percentage), but his defense is suspect, with a position move likely forthcoming.

Left-hander Chris Capuano pitched better than his numbers would indicate last season at El Paso (10-11, 5.31 ERA), and could be a late-season call-up.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
34	Brian Anderson	R	L	6-1	183	04/26/72	Portsmouth, VA	Tucson (AAA)	1-0	1.50	2	2	0	0	12.0	7	2	8
								Arizona	4-9	5.20	29	22	1	0	133.1	156	30	55
43	Miguel Batista	R	R	6-2	195	02/19/71	Santo Domingo, DR	Arizona	11-8	3.36	48	18	0	0	139.1	113	60	90
	P.J. Bevis	R	R	6-2	177	07/28/80	Brisbane, Australia	Yakima (A)	1-1	0.64	12	0	0	8	14.0	9	7	22
								El Paso (AA)	0-0	2.16	14	0	0	6	16.2	11	6	19
51	Randy Johnson	R	L	6-10	232	09/10/63	Walnut Creek, CA	Arizona	21-6	2.49	35	34	3	0	249.2	181	71	372
49	Byung-Hyun Kim	R	R	5-11	177	01/19/79	Kwangju, South Korea	Arizona	5-6	2.94	78	0	0	19	98.0	58	44	113
58	Mike Kopelove	R	R	6-0	160	08/30/76	Philadelphia, PA	El Paso (AAA)	3-2	2.66	34	0	0	4	44.0	44	19	43
								Tucson (AAA)	4-1	2.82	17	0	0	9	22.1	17	10	22
								Arizona	0-1	3.60	9	0	0	0	10.0	8	9	14
31	Matt Mantei	R	R	6-1	200	07/07/73	Tampa, FL	Arizona	0-0	2.57	8	0	0	2	7.0	6	4	12
28	Mike Myers	L	L	6-4	212	06/26/69	Arlington Heights, IL	Colorado	2-3	3.60	73	0	0	0	40.0	32	24	36
	John Patterson	R	R	6-5	183	01/30/78	Orange, TX	Lancaster (A)	0-0	5.79	2	2	0	0	9.1	9	3	9
								El Paso (AA)	1-2	4.26	5	5	0	0	25.1	30	9	19
								Tucson (AAA)	2-7	5.85	13	12	0	0	67.2	82	31	40
41	Bret Prinz	R	R	6-3	185	06/15/77	Chicago Heights, IL	Tucson (AAA)	0-0	0.00	5	0	0	3	5.2	1	0	6
								Arizona	4-1	2.63	46	0	0	9	41.0	33	19	27
27	Armando Reynoso	R	R	6-0	210	05/01/66	San Luis Potosi, Mexico	Tucson (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.2	3	2	5
								Arizona	1-6	5.98	9	9	0	0	46.2	58	13	15
	Duaner Sanchez	R	R	6-0	160	10/14/79	Cotui, DR	El Paso (AA)	3-7	6.78	13	13	0	0	70.1	92	25	41
								Lancaster (A)	2-4	4.58	10	10	1	0	59.0	65	18	49
38	Curt Schilling	R	R	6-4	231	11/14/66	Anchorage, AK	Arizona	22-6	2.98	35	35	6	0	256.2	237	39	293
30	Todd Stottlemire	L	R	6-2	210	05/20/65	Yakima, WA	Did Not Play										
22	Greg Swindell	R	L	6-3	230	01/02/65	Fort Worth, TX	Arizona	2-6	4.53	64	0	0	2	53.2	51	8	42
	Jose Valverde	R	R	6-4	220	07/24/79	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	El Paso (AA)	2-2	3.92	39	0	0	13	41.1	36	27	72
	Jeremy Ward	R	R	6-3	220	02/24/78	Rocky Mount, NC	El Paso (AA)	0-0	1.13	6	0	0	0	8.0	2	1	6
								Tucson (AAA)	3-4	3.52	40	0	0	13	46.0	53	17	35

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
48	Rod Barajas	R	R	6-2	229	09/05/75	Ontario, CA	Tucson (AAA)	.321	45	162	23	52	13	0	9	32	3
								Arizona	.160	51	106	9	17	3	0	3	9	0
26	Damian Miller	R	R	6-2	218	10/13/69	LaCrosse, WI	Arizona	.271	123	380	45	103	19	0	13	47	0
39	Chad Moeller	R	R	6-3	210	02/18/75	Upland, CA	Tucson (AAA)	.274	78	274	41	75	20	0	8	36	1
								Arizona	.232	25	56	8	13	0	1	1	2	0

#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
33	Jay Bell	R	R	6-0	184	12/11/65	Eglin AFB, FL	Arizona	.248	129	428	59	106	24	1	13	46	0
10	Alex Cintron	S	R	6-1	170	12/17/78	Humacao, Puerto Rico	Tucson (AAA)	.292	107	425	53	124	24	3	3	35	9
								Arizona	.286	8	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
4	Craig Counsell	L	R	6-0	175	08/21/70	South Bend, IN	Arizona	.275	141	458	76	126	22	3	4	38	6
44	Erubiel Durazo	L	L	6-3	240	01/23/74	Hermosillo, Mexico	Tucson (AAA)	.273	3	11	3	3	0	0	1	1	0
								Arizona	.269	92	175	34	47	11	0	12	38	0
17	Mark Grace	L	L	6-2	200	06/28/64	Winston-Salem, NC	Arizona	.298	145	476	66	142	31	2	15	78	1
7	Danny Klassen	R	R	6-0	190	09/22/75	Leamington, Canada	Tucson (AAA)	.222	7	18	5	4	0	0	1	3	0
61	Lyle Overbay	L	L	6-2	215	01/28/77	Centralia, WA	El Paso (AA)	.352	138	532	82	187	49	3	13	100	5
37	Junior Spivey	R	R	6-0	185	01/28/75	Oklahoma City, OK	Tucson (AAA)	.232	54	194	25	45	6	0	6	27	9
								Arizona	.258	72	163	33	42	6	3	5	21	3
9	Matt Williams	R	R	6-2	219	11/28/65	Bishop, CA	Tucson (AAA)	.353	5	17	4	6	2	0	2	5	1
								Arizona	.275	106	408	58	112	30	0	16	65	1
5	Tony Womack	L	R	5-9	170	09/25/69	Danville, VA	Tucson (AAA)	.385	4	13	1	5	0	1	0	2	0
								Arizona	.266	125	481	66	128	19	5	3	30	28

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
29	Danny Bautista	R	R	5-11	170	05/24/72	Santo Domingo, DR	Arizona	.302	100	222	26	67	11	2	5	26	3
	Doug DeVore	L	L	6-4	200	12/14/77	Columbus, OH	El Paso (AA)	.294	128	476	67	140	32	11	15	74	11
12	Steve Finley	L	L	6-2	195	03/12/65	Union City, TN	Arizona	.275	140	495	66	136	27	4	14	73	11
20	Luis Gonzalez	L	R	6-2	195	09/03/67	Tampa, FL	Arizona	.325	162	609	128	198	36	7	57	142	1
	Jose Guillen	R	R	5-11	195	05/17/76	San Cristobal, DR	Durham (AAA)	.294	33	119	18	35	9	0	7	29	0
								Tampa Bay	.274	41	135	14	37	5	0	3	11	2
	Luis Terrero	S	R	6-1	161	05/18/80	Barahona, DR	South Bend (A)	.157	24	89	4	14	2	0	1	8	3
								Yakima (A)	.317	11	41	7	13	2	1	0	0	0
								Lancaster (A)	.451	19	71	16	32	9	1	4	11	5
								El Paso (AA)	.299	34	147	29	44	13	3	3	8	9

N L W E S T

With bills for Pac Bell coming due, Baker's Giants must begin making do with less yet again.

So much for the euphoria over the San Francisco Giants' move into Pacific Bell Park two seasons ago.

Yes, they were one of five teams that claimed a profit in 2001.

No, they don't expect to be so fortunate in 2002.

Despite constant sellouts at Pac Bell, the Giants figure they will lose at least \$5 million this year. The private financing to build the park included selling off a lot of the auxiliary rights and requires a \$20 million-a-year payment from the club to cover the loans.

That's why in the aftermath of **Barry Bonds'** record-setting 73 home runs last season—and a title chase that fell short, leaving the Giants in second place—there is concern for what lies

ahead, even though Bonds did wind up returning after finding little in the free-agent market.

Instead of looking to shore up their weaknesses, the Giants spent the offseason trying to make sure they can limit their financial losses this year, particularly in light of the record-setting salary that Bonds was seeking and the price of re-signing in-season addition **Jason Schmidt**, who also tested free agency before deciding to return.

So the Giants had to let **Andres Galarra**, the right-handed bat they added to try and overtake **Arizona** in the N.L. West, and dependable veteran right-hander **Mark Gardner** leave as free agents. They also unloaded the salaries of left-handed starter **Shawn Estes**, left-handed pinch-hitter **deluxe John Vander Wal** and right-handed reliever **Wayne Gomes**.

Since the 2000 All-Star break, Giants right-hander **Russ Ortiz** has been one of the best pitchers in baseball, sporting a 27-13 record and 3.27 ERA.



Journeyman arrive

In their places came the likes of journeyman reliever **Jay Witasick**, Japanese import outfielder **Tsuyoshi Shinjo** and journeyman utility infielder **Desi Relaford**. So much for the idea of finding a legitimate center fielder that could double as a leadoff hitter.

Estes was the toughest one to deal. He was sent to the **Mets** for **Shinjo** and **Relaford** because of his pending free agency after the 2002 season and his leverage of salary arbitration. He was, after all, 62-44 the last five years, and is one of the rare left-handed power arms.

The Giants, however, do have the makings of a solid rotation, although they are missing that legit No. 1 starter who can counter **Arizona's** one-two punch of **Randy Johnson** and **Curt Schilling**.

Shawn's gone, Schmidt signs on

The keys to the rotation will be the continuing emergence of hometown boy **Russ Ortiz** and



Last year, **Rich Aurilia** became the first player since **Dave Concepcion** (1978-81) to lead all N.L. shortstops in homers and RBI for three straight seasons.

the anticipated arrival of former first-round draft choice **Kurt Ainsworth**, the odds-on favorite to replace **Estes** in the rotation.

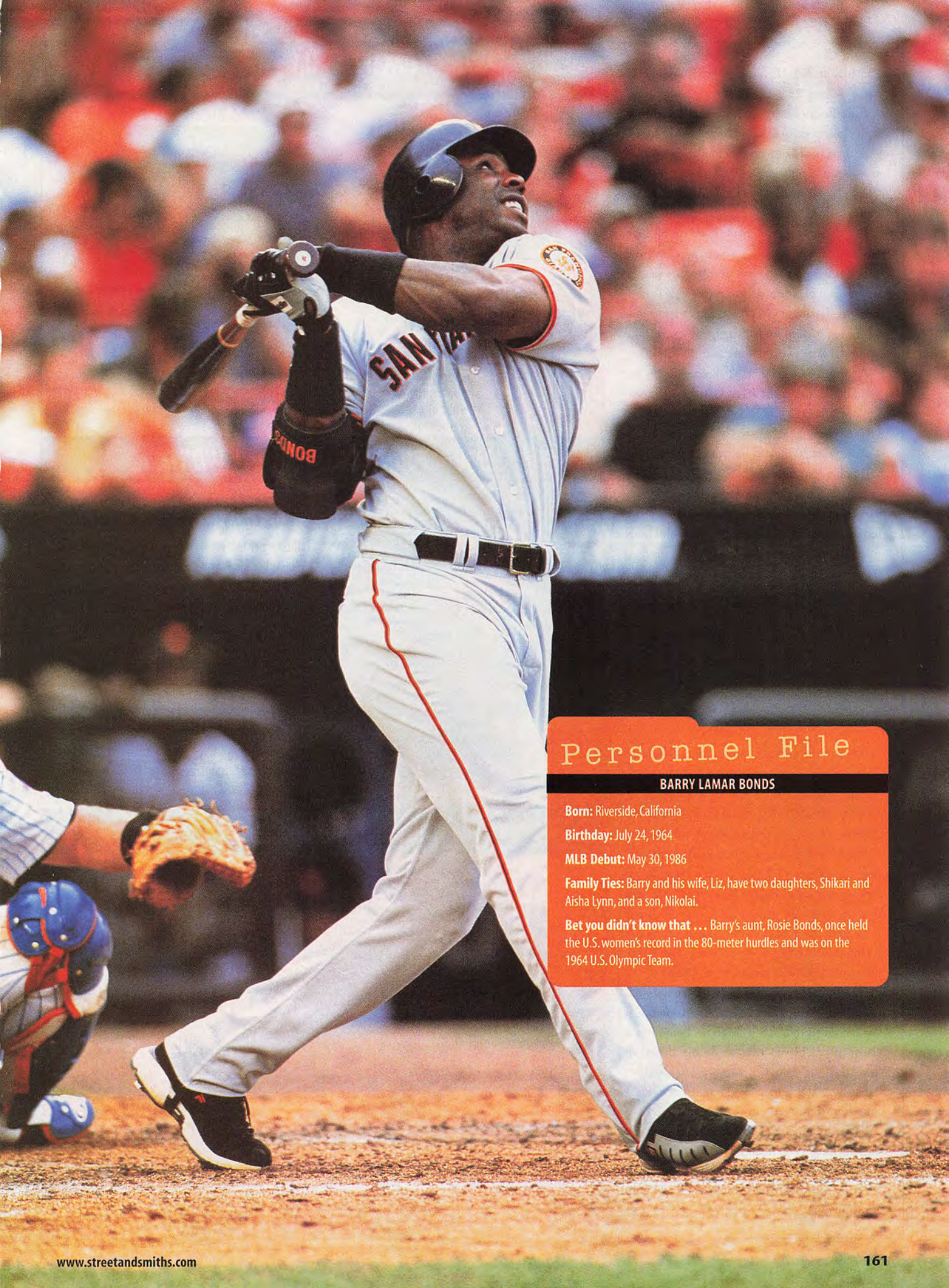
While they didn't want to pay the price for **Estes**, the Giants did come up with the multi-year deal to outbid **Seattle** for **Schmidt**, which was an interesting decision. **Schmidt** has a power arm, but he has battled injuries and is only 49-46 in five full seasons as a big-league starter, and has never won more than 13 games.

Kirk Rueter is a finesse lefty, but provides the Giants with a consistent 200-plus innings a year and is 69-46 in five full seasons with the Giants. **Joe Nathan** will continue his battle back from the arm surgery that forced him to spend last year at Class AAA **Fresno**, and **Ryan Jensen** will look for a chance to build off of his cameo big-league opportunity last season when he also was 11-2 at **Fresno**.

With **Robb Nen** in the bullpen, however, the Giants are confident that if they can get the game into the eighth inning they most likely will win. **Nen** has a stutter-step in his delivery that makes him an easy target for stolen bases, but there aren't many baserunners when **Nen** is pitching. He has converted 163 of 189 save opportunities in four years with the Giants and allowed only

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.266	5	RUNS	799	5	FIELDING	.981	12
TOTAL BASES	2582	2	HOME RUNS	235	1	ERA	4.18	7
SLUGGING	.460	2	STOLEN BASES	57	16	SAVES	47	3
ON-BASE %	.342	3	LEFT ON BASE	1242	16	OPP. BA	.258	8



Personnel File

BARRY LAMAR BONDS

Born: Riverside, California

Birthday: July 24, 1964

MLB Debut: May 30, 1986

Family Ties: Barry and his wife, Liz, have two daughters, Shikari and Aisha Lynn, and a son, Nikolai.

Bet you didn't know that ... Barry's aunt, Rosie Bonds, once held the U.S. women's record in the 80-meter hurdles and was on the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team.

233 hits in 304 1/3 innings, striking out 372 while walking 93.

Felix Rodriguez is a dominating setup man with closer potential. Tim Worrell and Witasick give the Giants resilient veteran right-handed arms. Aaron Fultz has plus stuff for a left-hander. Chad Zerbe gives manager Dusty Baker a middle-inning lefty to take some of the load off of Fultz.

Benito Santiago, 37, made good on his invitation to spring training a year ago, and did such a solid job as the everyday catcher that he was given a two-year deal to return this season. Edwards Guzman gives the Giants a left-handed-hitting backup for Santiago who can also fill in for a day or two at a time at third base.

At first base, Baker was diplomatic in his handling of the addition of Galarraga last season. It wasn't a coincidence. He knew the Giants weren't going to be able to retain Galarraga in 2002, and he would have to keep J.T. Snow's confidence up. Snow is a slick fielder but has never developed with the bat.

General Manager Brian Sabean has been a longtime believer in the potential of third baseman Pedro Feliz, and he's going to need to finally meet the expectations to help pick up the slack in the middle of the lineup.

The Giants have two solid veterans in the middle of the infield. Shortstop Rich Aurilia and second baseman Jeff Kent are not Gold Glove candidates, but they make the routine plays and provide big-time production for their positions.

Bonds still good investment

Bonds is the ultimate run producer. While his 73 home runs were extraordinary, the rest of his offense was in line with his career, and at age 37 he shows no signs of dropping off from the expected .300-40-100 seasons he has routinely put together.

The Giants got some much-needed offensive help for Bonds in January when they signed Arizona free agent Reggie Sanders to play right field. Sanders, 34, batted .263 with 33 home runs and 90 RBI for the world champion Diamondbacks, bouncing back big from a very disappointing 2000 campaign in Atlanta.

A platoon situation looms in center. Shinjo is defensively among the best in the game but is an average hitter, while Marvin Benard is a classic overachiever who feeds off being an underdog. At 5-foot-9, however, he is short defensively and doesn't work counts the way a leadoff hitter should.

Shawon Dunston, another aging veteran (39 on Opening Day) that Baker knows how to spot to maximize his production, and Ramon Martinez provide San Francisco's primary bench players.

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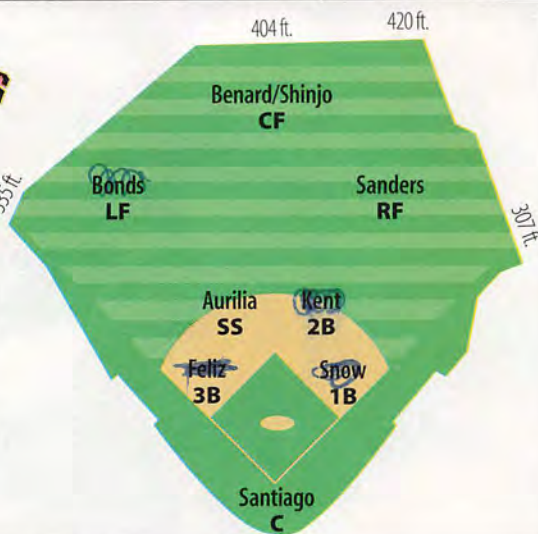


ROTATION

Ortiz (RH)
Schmidt (RH)
Roeper (LH)
Hernandez (RH)
Ainsworth (RH)

BULLPEN

Nen (RH)
Rodriguez (RH)
Worrell (RH)
Witasick (RH)
Fultz (LH)
Zerbe (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: KURT AINSWORTH



If slider specialist finds stamina, Giants may have another starter

The former LSU star took a couple of months to get acclimated to Triple-A, but over the course of the second half, he may have been one of the hottest pitchers in the minors. He finished the season with a mediocre 5.07 ERA, but the stats that determine ability (2.9 K/BB ratio, 9.5 strikeouts per game and .237 opponents' average) were outstanding. His slider is one of the nastiest in the minors, and is complemented by a 93-mph fastball and solid change-up. A lack of stamina was an issue in the past, but he went into the seventh inning on several occasions in 2001. He will get a fair chance to earn a starting birth with the Giants, but needs to get off to a better start in 2002.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Boof Bonser, RHP | 6. Jesse Foppert, RHP |
| 2. Kurt Ainsworth, RHP | 7. Carlos Valderrama, OF |
| 3. Jerome Williams, RHP | 8. Jeff Urban, LHP |
| 4. Tony Torcato, OF | 9. Todd Linden, OF |
| 5. Lance Niekro, 3B | 10. Felix Diaz, RHP |

(84 Ks in 116 innings at Double-A Shreveport).

Torcato is a pure hitter who should hit for more power as he gets more repetitions. His shoulders have given him problems, which might be alleviated by moving to the outfield. Niekro, longtime major league pitcher Joe Niekro's son, missed a sizable portion of 2001 because of a separated shoulder, but he can really stroke the baseball from gap to gap. Foppert led the Northwest League with a 1.93 ERA, utilizing a live fastball and nasty slider.

Valderrama has power, speed and is a good defensive outfielder, but must lay off pitches out of the zone. Urban returned after missing all of 2000 with a shoulder separation. He pitched fairly well in Double-A (7-11, 3.91 ERA), although he is too often in the middle of the plate. Linden hasn't played professionally yet, but the former LSU star could develop into a bona fide home run threat. At 20, Diaz has a lot going for him—a lively fastball, excellent command and youth.

San Francisco doesn't get much credit for producing prospects—the parent club doesn't have many home-grown players—but the Giants are very active in trading prospects for major league help.

Bonser, 20, the youngest pitcher in the South Atlantic League last season, has improved both his curveball and change-up to complement a 95-mph fastball.

Ainsworth should be able to step into the Giants' starting rotation, throwing strikes with all three of his pitches. Williams has an electric repertoire, and could pick up more velocity as he matures, perhaps improving his strikeout rate

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
32	Kurt Ainsworth	R	R	6-3	192	09/09/78	Baton Rouge, LA	Fresno (AAA)	10-9	5.07	27	26	0	0	149.0	139	54	157
								San Francisco	0-0	13.50	2	0	0	0	2.0	3	2	3
40	Jason Christiansen	R	L	6-5	241	09/21/69	Omaha, NE	Memphis (AAA)	0-0	2.25	7	1	0	0	8.0	9	0	9
								St. Louis	1-1	4.66	30	0	0	3	19.1	15	10	19
								San Francisco	1-0	1.59	25	0	0	0	17.0	14	5	12
	Felix Diaz	R	R	6-1	165	07/27/81	Las Mata de Farfan, DR	Hagerstown (A)	1-4	3.66	15	12	0	0	51.2	49	16	56
38	Aaron Fultz	L	L	6-0	196	09/04/73	Memphis, TN	San Francisco	3-1	4.56	66	0	0	1	71.0	70	21	67
61	Livan Hernandez	R	R	6-2	222	02/20/75	Villa Clara, Cuba	San Francisco	13-15	5.24	34	34	2	0	226.2	266	85	138
15	Ryan Jensen	R	R	6-0	205	09/17/75	Salt Lake City, UT	Fresno (AAA)	11-2	3.48	20	17	1	0	106.0	97	34	95
								San Francisco	1-2	4.25	10	7	0	0	42.1	44	25	26
36	Joe Nathan	R	R	6-4	195	11/22/74	Houston, TX	Fresno (AAA)	0-5	7.77	10	10	0	0	46.1	63	33	21
								Shreveport (AA)	3-6	6.93	21	7	0	0	62.1	73	37	33
31	Robb Nen	R	R	6-5	215	11/28/69	San Pedro, CA	San Francisco	4-5	3.01	79	0	0	45	77.2	58	22	93
48	Russ Ortiz	R	R	6-1	210	06/05/74	Encino, CA	San Francisco	17-9	3.29	33	33	1	0	218.2	187	91	169
47	Felix Rodriguez	R	R	6-1	190	12/05/72	Montecristi, DR	San Francisco	9-1	1.68	80	0	0	0	80.1	53	27	91
46	Kirk Rueter	L	L	6-2	205	12/01/70	Montecristi, IL	San Francisco	14-12	4.42	34	34	0	0	195.1	213	66	83
29	Jason Schmidt	R	R	6-5	213	01/29/73	Lewiston, ID	Altoona (AA)	0-1	0.96	3	3	0	0	9.1	7	1	17
								Nashville (AAA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	7.0	4	0	6
								Pittsburgh	6-6	4.61	14	14	1	0	84.0	81	28	77
								San Francisco	7-1	3.39	11	11	0	0	66.1	57	33	65
	Jeff Urban	R	L	6-8	215	01/25/77	Anderson, IN	Shreveport (AA)	7-11	3.91	27	27	0	0	156.2	178	32	117
	Jay Witasick	R	R	6-4	235	08/28/72	Baltimore, MD	San Diego	5-2	1.86	31	0	0	1	38.2	31	15	53
								New York (AL)	3-0	4.69	32	0	0	0	40.1	47	18	53
45	Tim Worrell	R	R	6-4	231	07/05/67	Pasadena, CA	AZ-Giants (R)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	3.0	1	1	2
								San Francisco	2-5	3.45	73	0	0	0	78.1	71	33	63
41	Chad Zerbe	L	L	6-0	190	04/27/72	Findlay, OH	Fresno (AAA)	3-4	3.55	17	0	0	5	25.1	28	9	17
								San Francisco	3-0	3.92	27	1	0	0	39.0	41	10	22

#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
13	Edwards Guzman	L	R	5-10	205	09/11/76	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Fresno (AAA)	.361	18	72	13	26	3	2	0	11	0
								San Francisco	.243	61	115	8	28	6	0	3	7	0
33	Benito Santiago	R	R	6-1	195	03/09/65	Ponce, Puerto Rico	San Francisco	.262	133	477	39	125	25	4	6	45	5
9	Yorvit Torrealba	R	R	5-11	190	07/19/78	Caracas, Venezuela	Fresno (AAA)	.274	115	394	56	108	23	3	8	36	2
								San Francisco	.500	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	0

#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
35	Rich Aurilia	R	R	6-1	185	09/02/71	Brooklyn, NY	San Francisco	.324	156	636	114	206	37	5	37	97	1
	Nelson Castro	R	R	5-11	190	06/04/76	Montecristi, DR	Shreveport (AA)	.296	122	479	76	142	27	6	11	60	38
								Fresno (AAA)	.130	6	23	3	3	1	0	0	1	0
	Felix Escalona	R	R	6-0	185	03/12/79	Puerto Cabello, VZ	Lexington (A)	.289	130	536	92	155	42	2	16	64	46
39	Pedro Feliz	R	R	6-1	180	04/27/77	Azua, DR	San Francisco	.227	94	220	23	50	9	1	7	22	2
21	Jeff Kent	R	R	6-1	205	03/07/68	Bellflower, CA	San Francisco	.298	159	607	84	181	49	6	22	106	7
34	Ramon E. Martinez	R	R	6-1	187	10/10/72	Philadelphia, PA	San Francisco	.253	128	391	48	99	18	3	5	37	1
37	Damon Minor	L	L	6-7	230	01/05/74	Canton, OH	Fresno (AAA)	.308	112	406	74	125	22	3	24	71	1
								San Francisco	.156	19	45	3	7	1	0	0	3	0
1	Cody Ransom	R	R	6-2	190	02/17/76	Mesa, AZ	Fresno (AAA)	.241	134	469	77	113	21	6	23	78	17
								San Francisco	.000	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Desi Relaford	S	R	5-9	174	09/16/73	Valdosta, GA	New York (NL)	.302	120	301	43	91	27	0	8	36	13
	Deivis Santos	L	L	6-1	170	02/09/80	Santo Domingo, DR	Hagerstown (A)	.290	131	520	64	151	27	3	12	80	16
6	J.T. Snow	L	L	6-2	205	02/26/68	Long Beach, CA	Fresno (AAA)	.000	4	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
								San Francisco	.246	101	285	43	70	12	1	8	34	0

#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
7	Marvin Benard	L	L	5-9	185	01/20/70	Bluefields, Nicaragua	San Francisco	.265	129	392	70	104	19	2	15	44	10
25	Barry Bonds	L	L	6-2	210	07/24/64	Riverside, CA	San Francisco	.328	153	476	129	156	32	2	73	137	13
23	Shawon Dunston	R	R	6-1	180	03/21/63	Brooklyn, NY	San Francisco	.280	88	186	26	52	10	3	9	25	3
	Arturo McDowell	L	L	6-1	175	09/07/79	Jackson, MS	San Jose (A)	.242	118	425	57	103	12	11	1	31	25
8	Calvin Murray	R	R	5-11	190	07/30/71	Dallas, TX	Fresno (AAA)	.261	35	138	17	36	6	1	4	12	3
								San Francisco	.245	106	326	54	80	14	2	6	25	8
	Reggie Sanders	R	R	6-1	185	12/01/67	Florence, SC	Arizona	.263	126	441	84	116	21	3	33	90	14
5	Tsuyoshi Shinjo	R	R	6-1	185	01/28/72	Fukuoka, Japan	Brooklyn (A)	.286	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
								New York (NL)	.268	123	400	46	107	23	1	10	56	4
	Anthony Torcato	L	R	6-1	195	10/25/79	Woodland, CA	San Jose (A)	.341	67	258	38	88	21	2	2	47	9
								Shreveport (AA)	.293	36	147	13	43	9	1	1	23	0
								Fresno (AAA)	.320	35	150	20	48	8	1	2	8	0
	Carlos Valderrama	R	R	5-11	175	11/30/77	Bachaquero, VZ	Shreveport (AA)	.308	41	159	29	49	12	2	1	8	11

Without bona fide closer and a big hole in center, Dodgers may need two Kevin Browns to come back.

These are not your father's Los Angeles Dodgers. Far from it. And that's the problem, which the Dodgers even admit.

When Dan Evans officially became the new general manager, he was given the challenge of returning the Dodgers to the stability and success of their earlier years.

It won't be easy to undo the mess created by the recent uncertainty, but it is apparent Evans understands he has to be patient.

The third general manager in five years for a franchise that had only two the previous 26, Evans is standing behind manager Jim Tracy, the fourth manager in five years for a franchise that had only two the previous 42—and trying to get the payroll back in order.

If anything, what the Dodgers learned during the Kevin Malone era was that outspending everybody else in the National League doesn't necessarily mean you're going to win. A franchise that won seven division titles and four World Series from 1977-1988, the Dodgers have been to the postseason only twice since and haven't won a single postseason game during that 13-year drought.

The biggest payroll in the N.L. a year ago bought the Dodgers no more than a third-place finish for the second year in a row and early-season upheaval that resulted in Malone resigning under pressure following a confrontation with a fan during a game in San Diego.

Evans worked on an interim basis during the regular season, impressing the ownership with his steady approach during the year, and was rewarded with the promotion to full-time general manager at season's end.

He can only hope that the ownership is ready to show the same type of patience in his effort to return the organization to the envy it enjoyed

for years from the rest of baseball for its loyalty and success.

There is potential with the Dodgers, but it's going to take good fortune for them to win.

Brown vows to be back

Kevin Brown and Andy Ashby are two quality pitchers, but they are both coming off elbow surgeries and, while the Dodgers have them penciled into the top two spots in the rotation, there are no guarantees.

Brown underwent surgery on his right elbow late in the season that spurred speculation he may have to miss the entire 2002 season. Brown, however, is a fitness freak with great mental toughness and has convinced the Dodgers he will be ready for the Opening Day assignment. If healthy, Ashby will welcome a return to the role of a No. 2 starter. Darren Dreifort isn't expecting any 2002 comebacks. After surgery of his own, he most likely will miss the entire season.

Unwilling to meet the price of retaining free agent Chan Ho Park, the Dodgers are taking gambles with the rest of the rotation.

They signed free agent Hideo Nomo, once the pride of the Dodgers when he first came over from Japan. Nomo has since pitched for the New York Mets, Milwaukee, Detroit and Boston. Evans dealt for another original Dodger, Omar Daal, who gives the team a much-desired left-hander for the rotation.

Greg Gagne will once again get the first shot at the fifth slot, and if he doesn't finally show he's ready for the big leagues, the Dodgers have newcomers Odalis Perez and Kazuhisa Ishii as alternatives. Veteran lefty Terry Mulholland will serve in a utility role.

The Dodger bullpen needs a lift. As part of its cost-cutting, the team opted not to exercise the

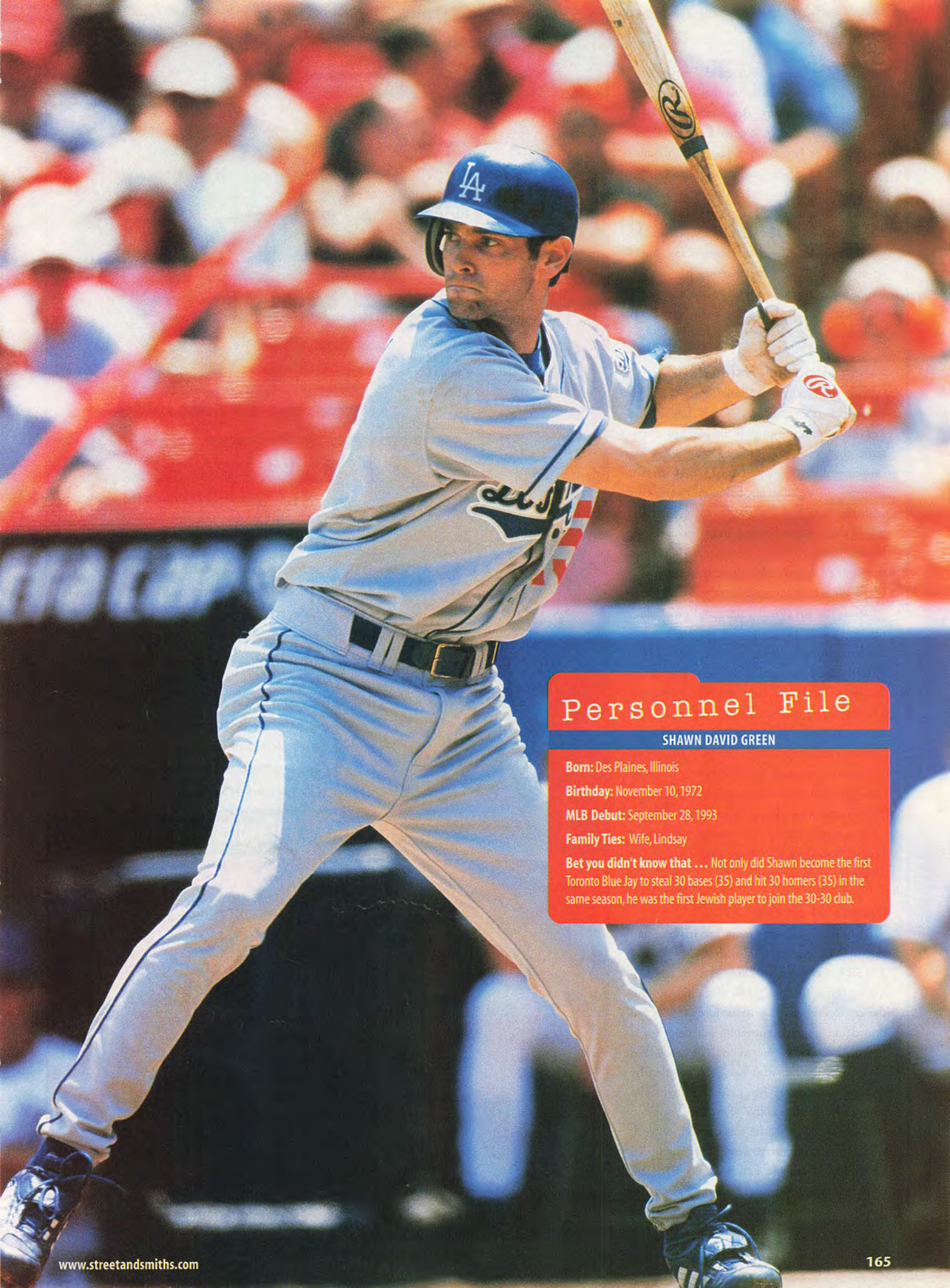


The Dodgers need power pitcher Kevin Brown (top) to return to his old form after making only 19 starts due to injury last season, and they're hoping 2001's big surprise, catcher Paul Lo Duca, wasn't a flash-in-the-pan.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.255	11	RUNS	758	8	FIELDING	.981	13
TOTAL BASES	2335	9	HOME RUNS	206	6	ERA	4.25	8
SLUGGING	.425	8	STOLEN BASES	89	8	SAVES	46	5
ON-BASE %	.323	12	LEFT ON BASE	1075	4	OPP. BA	.252	4

option on closer Jeff Shaw, and then came up short in an attempt to acquire Billy Koch from Toronto. That left the Dodgers without a proven closer. They do have quality right-handers with Paul Quantrill, who they acquired in the offseason from Toronto; late-blossoming Giovanni Carrara, who was dominating as a closer during the winter in his native Venezuela; and the



Personnel File

SHAWN DAVID GREEN

Born: Des Plaines, Illinois

Birthday: November 10, 1972

MLB Debut: September 28, 1993

Family Ties: Wife, Lindsay

Bet you didn't know that ... Not only did Shawn become the first Toronto Blue Jay to steal 30 bases (35) and hit 30 homers (35) in the same season, he was the first Jewish player to join the 30-30 club.

versatile **Matt Herges**, who has closer-type stuff but has yet to be given a shot at the job.

The most promising development of 2001 was the emergence of catcher **Paul Lo Duca**. Malone spent last spring trying to move him because of his infatuation with prospect **Angel Pena**, but nobody showed any interest. Lo Duca wound up making the Opening Day roster because of his versatility, but by season's end he was the primary catcher, no longer being counted on at first base. **Chad Kreuter** is a capable No. 2 receiver who is especially adept at working pitchers through a game when they don't have their best stuff.

Young blood on left side

Now the Dodgers are looking for a similar emergence from shortstop **Cesar Izturis**, the key offseason acquisition from Toronto in the trade that also brought **Quantrill**. They are counting on Izturis, who batted .269 with two homers and eight stolen bases in 134 at-bats with the Blue Jays last season, to stabilize the infield defense and become an offensive threat. He combines with third baseman **Adrian Beltre** to give the Dodgers a left side that features two of the game's top young players.

While the left side is young and promising, the right side is aging and far from what a championship team would like. **Mark Grudzielanek** has made the transition from shortstop to second base, and does give the Dodgers good offense for that position. **Eric Karros**, however, doesn't supply the offense or defense a team needs from first base, but somehow he has survived all the other shakeups of this organization to become the senior member of the roster with 11 seasons in Dodger blue.

Alex Cora, last year's primary shortstop, **Hiram Bocachica** and **Dave Hansen** give the Dodgers infield depth.

Green's '01 groove

Right fielder **Shawn Green** had his breakout year in 2001, batting .297 with 49 homers and 125 RBI, and gives the Dodgers a left-handed-hitting threat for the middle of the lineup. But the key to the offense is **Brian Jordan**, who will provide an upgrade patrolling left field but is not in the class of the traded **Gary Sheffield** offensively. Jordan, who has been plagued by injuries throughout his career, batted .295 with 25 home runs and 97 RBI last season.

Malone's legacy is the mess in center field, where the Dodgers have nearly \$9 million tied up in **Tom Goodwin** and **Marquis Grissom**, neither of whom provides the everyday answer the Dodgers are seeking. ■

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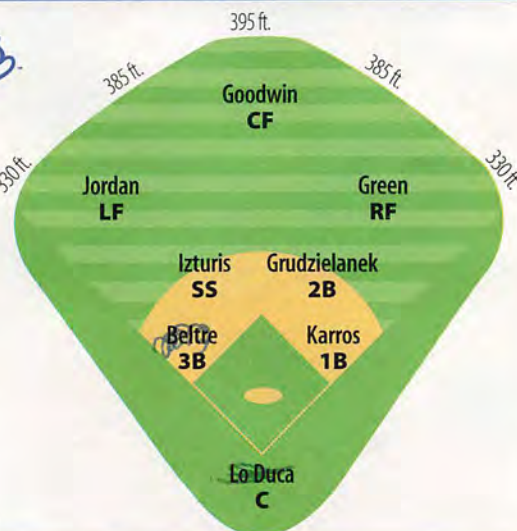
ROTATION

Brown (RH)
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Gagne (RH)

BULLPEN

Herges (RH)
Quantrill (RH)
Carrara (RH)
Ishii (LH)
Perez (LH)
Mulholland (LH)

Dodgers



IMPACT ROOKIE: CHIN-FENG CHEN



Taiwanese terror reestablishes his major league potential

Chen was written off by some after a horrid 2000 season, a year removed from a 30-30 performance in the California League. A minor shoulder injury was partly to blame, as he had shown little bat speed and was withdrawn emotionally. With a surgically repaired shoulder, however, he came back with a vengeance last season, hitting a combined .290 with 22 home runs between the Double-A and Class-A levels. He still needs to show more aggressiveness at the plate and his stolen-base totals aren't likely to materialize at the upper levels. The Dodgers will let his bat determine his fate. Chen could be called up as soon as midseason.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

1. Chin-Feng Chen, OF
2. Hong-Chih Kuo, LHP
3. Willy Aybar, 3B
4. Irvin Joel Guzman, SS
5. Joe Thurston, 2B
6. Ricardo Rodriguez, RHP
7. Jose Rojas, RHP
8. Ben Diggins, RHP
9. Joel Hanrahan, RHP
10. Jason Repko, SS

Lackluster drafts and poor development have left the Dodgers with a thin crop of prospects at the upper levels, but the organization is on an upswing, with several quality prospects who are 20 or younger. Chen is the only legitimate prospect above Class A, and is the closest to the majors, as he hit .313 with improved plate discipline after a promotion to Double-A last season. Kuo returned for the latter part of the season following elbow surgery. He throws extremely hard (95 mph) and will progress quickly.

Aybar posted mediocre numbers at Class A Wilmington, hitting just .237, but the switch-hitter has power potential

and judges the strike zone well. Guzman hasn't played professionally, but he reminds scouts of a young Alex Rodriguez with his ability to hit, run and field. Thurston is an exciting, hustling-type player with the ability to get on base and run extremely fast. Rodriguez led the Florida State League with 154 strikeouts, utilizing a darting slider and 92-mph sinking fastball.

Rojas led the South Atlantic League in ERA and throws hard despite being only 5-foot-10. Diggins has excellent arm strength and size (6-7), but has to smooth out his delivery and set up his pitches better. Hanrahan possesses an excellent change-up to go along with a 94-mph fastball, and has high major league potential. Repko may be the best athlete in the system, but injuries have cost him playing time and performance. A move to center field may be in the works for him.

Bubba Crosby and McKay Christensen are prototype fourth outfielders who can run and play solid defense. Christensen played well in a big-league shot last season.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
	Victor Alvarez	L	L	5-10	150	11/08/76	Culiacan, Mexico	Jacksonville (AA)	2-0	1.20	8	8	0	0	45.0	27	7	40
								Las Vegas (AAA)	7-4	4.27	20	20	0	0	118.0	115	41	94
43	Andy Ashby	R	R	6-5	202	07/11/67	Kansas City, MO	Los Angeles	2-0	3.86	2	2	0	0	11.2	14	1	7
27	Kevin Brown	R	R	6-4	200	03/14/65	McIntyre, GA	Los Angeles	10-4	2.65	20	19	1	0	115.2	94	38	104
55	Giovanni Carrara	R	R	6-2	210	03/04/68	Edo Anzoategui, Venezuela	Las Vegas (AAA)	1-2	3.10	6	6	0	0	29.0	27	9	35
								Los Angeles	6-1	3.16	47	3	0	0	85.1	73	24	70
	Steve Colyer	L	L	6-4	205	02/22/79	St. Louis, MO	Vero Beach (A)	4-8	3.96	24	24	0	0	120.1	101	77	118
	Omar Daal	L	L	6-3	195	03/01/72	Maracaibo, Venezuela	Philadelphia	13-7	4.46	32	32	0	0	185.2	199	56	107
37	Darren Dreifort	R	R	6-2	211	05/03/72	Wichita, KS	Los Angeles	4-7	5.13	16	16	0	0	94.2	89	47	91
38	Eric Gagne	R	R	6-2	195	01/07/76	Montreal, Canada	Las Vegas (AAA)	3-0	1.52	4	4	0	0	23.2	15	8	31
								Los Angeles	6-7	4.75	33	24	0	0	151.2	144	46	130
	Carlos Garcia	R	R	6-1	172	09/23/78	Guaymas Sonora, Mexico	Did Not Play										
49	Matt Herges	L	R	6-0	200	04/01/70	Champaign, IL	Los Angeles	9-8	3.44	75	0	0	1	99.1	97	46	76
52	Danny Mota	R	R	6-0	180	10/09/75	Seybol, DR	Edmonton (AAA)	3-3	5.89	34	0	0	2	47.1	52	23	43
								Las Vegas (AAA)	1-2	7.71	12	0	0	1	11.2	16	8	7
45	Terry Mulholland	R	L	6-3	220	03/09/63	Uniontown, PA	Altoona (AA)	0-2	3.86	2	2	0	0	2.1	5	1	3
								Pittsburgh	0-0	3.72	22	1	0	0	36.1	38	10	17
								Los Angeles	1-1	5.83	19	3	0	0	29.1	40	7	25
	Hideo Nomo	R	R	6-2	210	08/31/68	Osaka, Japan	Boston	13-10	4.50	33	33	2	0	198.0	171	96	220
	Jesse Orosco	R	L	6-2	205	04/21/57	Santa Barbara, CA	Los Angeles	0-1	3.94	35	0	0	0	16.0	17	7	21
	Odalis Perez	L	L	6-0	150	06/06/78	La Matas de Farfan, DR	Richmond (AAA)	1-0	2.74	5	5	0	0	23.0	23	2	22
								Atlanta	7-8	4.91	24	16	0	0	95.1	108	39	71
48	Paul Quantrill	L	R	6-1	190	11/03/68	London, Canada	Toronto	11-2	3.04	80	0	0	2	83.0	86	12	58
	Ricardo Rodriguez	R	R	6-3	195	05/21/79	Guayubin, DR	Vero Beach (A)	14-6	3.21	26	26	2	0	154.1	133	60	154
40	Mike Trombley	R	R	6-2	204	04/14/67	Springfield, MA	Baltimore	3-4	3.46	50	0	0	6	54.2	38	27	45
								Los Angeles	0-4	6.56	19	0	0	0	23.1	27	10	27
54	Jeff Williams	R	L	6-0	185	06/06/72	Canberra, Australia	Las Vegas (AAA)	7-5	3.97	16	16	1	0	90.2	102	24	61
								Los Angeles	2-1	6.29	15	1	0	0	24.1	26	17	9
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Jose Diaz	R	R	6-0	205	04/13/80	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Wilmington (A)	.175	23	80	7	14	4	0	2	5	1
								Great Falls (R)	.189	48	159	18	30	8	0	3	17	2
21	Chad Kreuter	S	R	6-2	200	08/26/64	Greenbrae, CA	Los Angeles	.215	73	191	21	41	11	1	6	17	0
16	Paul Lo Duca	R	R	5-10	185	04/12/72	Brooklyn, NY	Las Vegas (AAA)	.333	3	9	3	3	2	0	0	3	0
								Los Angeles	.320	125	460	71	147	28	0	25	90	2
#	INFIELTERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Luke Allen	L	R	6-2	208	08/04/78	Covington, GA	Las Vegas (AAA)	.222	2	9	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
								Jacksonville (AA)	.290	125	486	74	141	32	6	16	73	13
29	Adrian Beltre	R	R	5-11	170	04/07/79	Santo Domingo, DR	Las Vegas (AAA)	.600	2	5	2	3	1	0	1	2	0
								Vero Beach (A)	.444	3	9	0	4	1	0	0	1	0
								Los Angeles	.265	126	475	59	126	22	4	13	60	13
33	Hiram Bocachica	R	R	5-11	165	3/4/76	Ponce, Puerto Rico	Los Angeles	.233	75	133	15	31	11	1	2	9	4
3	Alex Cora	L	R	6-0	180	10/18/75	Caguas, Puerto Rico	Los Angeles	.217	134	405	38	88	18	3	4	29	0
8	Mark Grudzielanek	R	R	6-1	185	06/30/70	Millwaukee, WI	Los Angeles	.271	133	539	83	146	21	3	13	55	4
25	Dave Hansen	L	R	6-0	195	11/24/68	Long Beach, CA	Vero Beach (A)	.000	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
								Los Angeles	.236	92	140	13	33	10	0	2	20	0
44	Phil Hiatt	R	R	6-3	200	05/01/69	Pensacola, FL	Las Vegas (AAA)	.330	113	436	107	144	29	5	44	99	6
								Los Angeles	.240	30	50	6	12	3	0	2	6	0
2	Cesar Izturis	S	R	5-9	155	02/10/80	Lara, Venezuela	Syracuse (AAA)	.292	87	342	32	100	16	3	2	35	24
								Toronto	.269	46	134	19	36	6	2	2	9	8
23	Eric Karros	R	R	6-4	226	11/04/67	Hackensack, NJ	Los Angeles	.235	121	438	42	103	22	0	15	63	3
	Jorge Nunez	R	R	5-10	158	03/03/78	Villa Mella, DR	Jacksonville (AA)	.260	123	473	63	123	15	2	4	28	44
14	Jeff Reboulet	R	R	6-0	175	04/30/64	Dayton, OH	Los Angeles	.266	94	214	35	57	15	2	3	22	0
	Joe Thurston	L	R	5-11	175	09/29/79	Fairfield, CA	Jacksonville (AA)	.267	134	544	80	145	25	7	7	46	20
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
	Chin-Feng Chen	R	R	6-1	189	10/28/77	Tainan City, Taiwan	Vero Beach (A)	.268	62	235	38	63	15	3	5	41	2
								Jacksonville (AA)	.313	66	224	47	70	16	2	17	50	5
59	McKay Christensen	L	L	5-11	180	08/14/75	Upland, CA	Charlotte (AAA)	.275	69	273	53	75	15	6	7	25	17
								Chicago (AL)	.250	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Las Vegas (AAA)	.246	16	57	8	14	2	1	1	3	3
								Los Angeles	.327	28	49	7	16	2	0	1	7	3
28	Tom Goodwin	L	R	6-1	175	07/27/68	Fresno, CA	Wilmington (A)	.400	2	5	2	2	0	1	0	1	0
								Los Angeles	.231	105	286	51	66	8	5	4	22	22
15	Shawn Green	L	L	6-4	200	11/10/72	Des Plaines, IL	Los Angeles	.297	161	619	121	184	31	4	49	125	20
9	Marquis Grissom	R	R	5-11	188	04/17/67	Atlanta, GA	Los Angeles	.221	135	448	56	99	17	1	21	60	7
	Brian Jordan	R	R	6-1	205	03/29/67	Baltimore, MD	Atlanta	.295	148	560	82	165	32	3	25	97	3
	Dave Roberts	L	L	5-10	172	05/31/72	Okinawa, Japan	Cleveland	.333	15	12	3	4	1	0	0	2	0

Colorado Rockies

Mile-high attendance doesn't spare Rockies from the dreaded downsizing.

Since their inception in 1993, the Colorado Rockies have been one of the game's success stories. While other recent expansion teams—Florida, Arizona and Tampa Bay—have battled financial shortcomings, the Rockies are the only team in history that has surpassed three million in attendance in nine consecutive seasons.

The turnstiles, however, haven't propelled the revenues the Rockies had hoped for in recent years. And it was evident during the offseason.

General Manager Dan O'Dowd, who a year earlier went on a shopping spree that brought in free-agent pitchers Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle, found himself in a cutback mode.

For the first time in franchise history, the Rockies will go into a season having cut payroll instead of adding to it.

Acquired from Oakland last July 25, 24-year-old second baseman Jose Ortiz wasted little time in impacting the Colorado offense, hitting 13 homers and driving in 35 runs in just 204 at-bats.



Rocky Mountain realities

The focus of the offseason was on who they could get rid of, and it started with third baseman Jeff Cirillo, the only player signed to a long-term deal that didn't have a complete no-trade contract. As well as moving the four years and \$27.6 million Cirillo was due, the Rockies were able to unload the two years and \$5.8 million that left-handed reliever Gabe White was owed. They also let it be known that the asking price wasn't high for outfielder Alex Ochoa (\$2.75 million in 2002) and traded pitcher Mike Myers (\$1.75 million, including a \$250,000 buyout in 2003) to Arizona.

"The economical realities of the game are all part of what we have to deal with," says Rockies CEO Jerry McMorris, who has seen 82 players wear a Colorado uniform the last two years. "We made a lot of big commitments in the last year. We have to make the pieces fit. The biggest criticism I heard (last season) was the fans didn't know who are players were."

"We feel like we began retooling last season and continued in the offseason. I think we've got some things in place that we haven't had in the past."

And it begins with the starting rotation.

The Rockies have only three of their five spots filled—Hampton, Neagle and Shawn Chacon, the local kid who asserted himself in the big leagues after he was called up for what was supposed to be a one-start fill-in in late April.

Colorado has four right-handed alternatives for the two other spots. Scott Elarton, a July 31 acquisition from Houston for Pedro Astacio, came off the disabled list to make four September starts and proved that his right arm is healthy. John Thomson returned after missing more than two years with personal and physical problems and was solid in the last two months, finally showing he can cope with Coors Field. Rookie Jason Jennings, the former first-round pick out



Larry Walker came back strong in 2001, winning his third N.L. batting title in four years with a .350 average, and driving in 123 runs, the second-highest total of his 12-year career.

of Baylor, made history in his big-league debut at New York's Shea Stadium last August, becoming the only pitcher to throw a shutout and hit a home run in his first start. And Denny Stark, one of three pitchers acquired from Seattle in the Cirillo deal, was 14-2 with the Mariners' Class AAA Tacoma affiliate.

Chacon's home cooking

Chacon, who grew up in Greeley, Colorado, conquered Coors Field, where he made a team-high eight quality starts and showed a curveball can be a pitcher's ally, even in the dry, mile-high atmosphere of Denver.

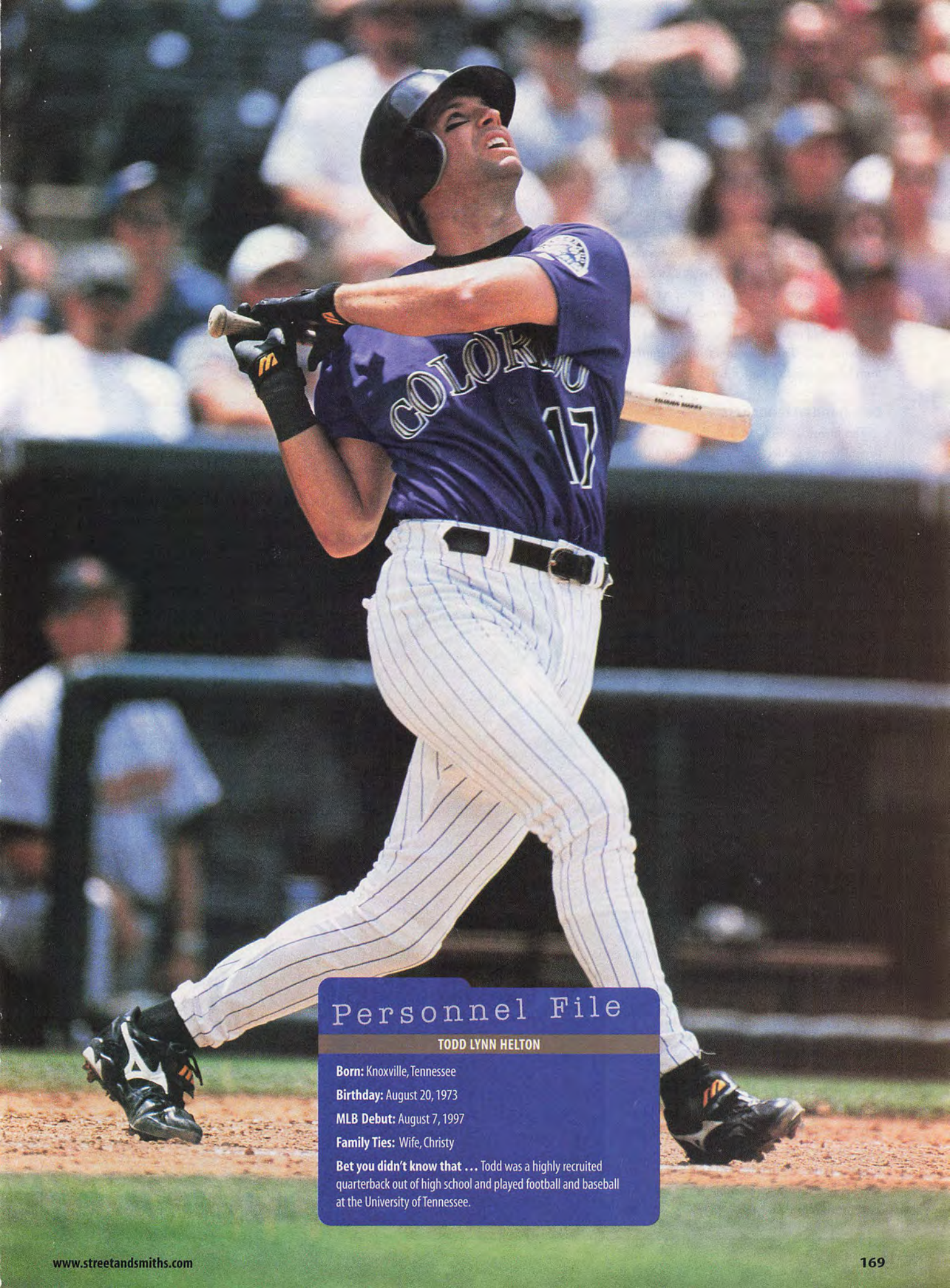
Most of all, though, the Rockies are counting on Hampton and Neagle to make the adjustments to deal with Coors Field in their second year of calling the hitter-friendly park home. Hampton did become the first pitcher in franchise history to make the All-Star team, but a groin strain in late May that eventually forced offseason surgery was considered the culprit in his second-half fade.

The budget constraints forced O'Dowd to rebuild a bullpen, once again. As well as trading White to Cincinnati for his left-handed replacement, Denny Reyes, O'Dowd couldn't meet the asking price of Jay Powell and Dan Miceli, who provided second-half bullpen stability for the Rockies before becoming free agents.

The rebuilding began with the returning nucleus of closer Jose Jimenez, who has shown he can shake off the quirks of Coors Field and not

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.292	1	RUNS	923	1	FIELDING	.984	3
TOTAL BASES	2748	1	HOME RUNS	213	2	ERA	5.29	16
SLUGGING	.483	1	STOLEN BASES	132	2	SAVES	26	16
ON-BASE %	.354	1	LEFT ON BASE	1158	12	OPP. BA	.275	15



Personnel File

TODD LYNN HELTON

Born: Knoxville, Tennessee

Birthday: August 20, 1973

MLB Debut: August 7, 1997

Family Ties: Wife, Christy

Bet you didn't know that . . . Todd was a highly recruited quarterback out of high school and played football and baseball at the University of Tennessee.

let it affect him on the road, and **Justin Speier**, another in-season addition who was the Rockies' most consistent bullpen arm over the final two months. Right-hander **Kane Davis** also improved during the course of the season, making the conversion from starter to reliever.

The Rockies also added bullpen depth in that Cirillo trade. Along with Stark, they acquired right-hander **Jose Paniagua** and lefty **Brian Fuentes**, who struck out 22 of the 51 left-handed hitters he faced at Tacoma. The Rockies also had renewed expectations for prospect **Josh Kalinowski**, who showed in the Arizona Fall League he had recovered from season-long injury problems, and **Tim Christman**, who returned from labrum surgery, for left-handed roles.

Left-handed launchers

The lineup is built around the left-handed bats of center fielder **Juan Pierre**, right fielder **Larry Walker** and first baseman **Todd Helton**. Walker and Helton are two of the most productive middle-of-the-lineup hitters in the game. They have ideal hitting approaches for Coors, driving the ball to all fields, with power to reach the fence in any part of the park. They are also Gold Glove defensive players.

Pierre went from a question mark last spring to the most sought-after player on the Colorado roster in the offseason. With a work ethic unmatched in the game, he evolved into a legitimate leadoff hitter, showing a grasp of the fact that his game is built around hitting the ball on the ground and running, and by season's end he had become an adequate center fielder.

After those three, however, the Rockies have questions to answer. **Ben Petrick**, the second-round pick in the 1995 draft in which Helton was No. 1, has been considered the Rockies' catcher of the future since he signed his first contract, but his inability to take charge has the team scrambling for insurance. The club acquired solid backup **Gary Bennett** from the New York Mets late last season, and signed Hampton's former personal catcher in Houston, **Tony Eusebio**, in the offseason.

Without Cirillo, the Rockies aren't sure what they will do for right-handed balance in the lineup. They were bargain shopping to fill the third base spot, and manager **Buddy Bell's** son, **David**, was their focus.

There is untapped potential in the three other spots in the lineup. Second baseman **Jose Ortiz** and shortstop **Juan Uribe** are both heading into their first full season in the big leagues. Left fielder **Todd Hollandsworth**, another left-handed hitter, will be returning after losing the final four months last season to injury. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



BUDDY BELL
Manager

COACHES

Brad Andress
Rich Donnelly
Dave Garcia
Toby Harrah
Clint Hurdle
Fred Kendall
Dallas Williams
Jim Wright

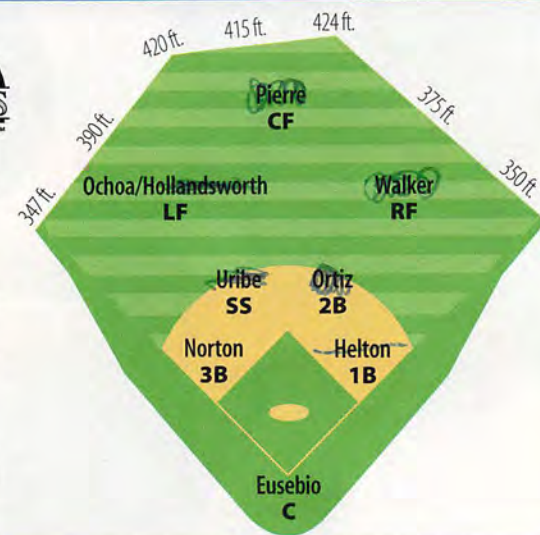


ROTATION

Hampton (LH)
Neagle (LH)
Chacon (RH)
Elarton (RH)
Thomson (RH)

BULLPEN

Jimenez (RH)
Speier (RH)
Davis (RH)
Jennings (RH)
Paniagua (RH)
Reyes (LH)
Fuentes (LH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: JASON JENNINGS



Best Rockies pitching prospect has earned rotation spot for 2002

Jennings may be the best pitching prospect the Rockies have promoted from their own system. He goes about his business in a determined and intelligent fashion. He was highly successful in his seven starts for Colorado, going 4-1 with a 4.58 ERA, but will need to make adjustments to hitters and overcome pitching in Coors Field. His pitches have excellent movement, from his two- and four-seam fastballs right down to his power slider. His change-up isn't that refined at the moment, and Jennings has a tendency to leave the ball up in the strike zone when he tires. He has earned the chance to compete for a rotation spot this spring.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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| 1. Jack Cust, OF | 6. Ryan Kibler, RHP |
| 2. Jason Jennings, RHP | 7. Craig House, RHP |
| 3. Chin-Hui Tsao, RHP | 8. Aaron Cook, RHP |
| 4. Mario Encarnacion, OF | 9. Garrett Gentry, C |
| 5. Jason Young, RHP | 10. Garrett Atkins, 1B/3B |

Cust, picked up in January from Arizona for Mike Myers, can certainly hit, and is capable of hitting the long ball as well as getting on base. Finding him a place to play defensively is another issue.

The Rockies have made a practice out of focusing on pitchers in the amateur draft, but until now they haven't had much success in developing them. Jennings got his feet wet in 2001 and will have a chance to join fellow homegrown pitcher Shawn Chacon in the rotation. Tsao was the Rockies' top prospect coming into the 2001 season, showing great velocity and three breaking pitches, but he tore an elbow ligament in

his fourth start at high Class A. Encarnacion came over in a trade with Oakland and got some starts in September. He's got power and speed but a very expansive strike zone.

Young and Kibler have excellent moving fastballs, along with deceptive change-ups. Improving their command and breaking pitches will be a priority as they ready themselves for 2003. House, a future closer, has toned down a very unorthodox delivery, and still reaches the mid-90s. Cook is a sinker/slider pitcher who has excellent command but isn't willing to throw his change-up often enough.

Gentry, acquired from Houston, is a power-hitting catcher (.299, 24 HR, 103 RBI at high Class A) who needs to brush up on his defensive skills. Hitting for average (.325 at Class A) has never been a problem for Atkins, but he doesn't have the power necessary for a first baseman (5 HR in 465 ABs) and doesn't have defensive skills.

Right-hander Cam ESSLINGER and LHP Brian Fuentes could add some quality depth to the Colorado bullpen.

COLORADO ROCKIES

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
46	Todd Belitz	L	L	6-3	200	10/23/75	Des Moines, IA	Sacramento (AAA)	4-2	5.13	38	0	0	0	52.2	52	16	54
								Colo. Springs (AAA)	0-2	9.82	14	0	0	2	11.0	19	3	8
								Colorado	1-1	7.71	8	0	0	0	9.1	9	3	5
56	Shawn Chacon	R	R	6-3	195	12/23/77	Anchorage, AK	Colo. Springs (AAA)	2-0	2.25	4	4	0	0	24.0	18	7	28
								Colorado	6-10	5.06	27	27	0	0	160.0	157	87	134
	Aaron Cook	R	R	6-3	175	02/08/79	Ft. Campbell, KY	Salem (A)	11-11	3.08	27	27	0	0	155.0	157	38	122
37	Kane Davis	R	R	6-3	194	06/25/75	Ripley, WV	Colo. Springs (AAA)	0-0	3.60	4	0	0	0	5.0	5	3	7
								Colorado	2-4	4.35	57	0	0	0	68.1	66	32	47
40	Scott Elarton	R	R	6-7	240	02/23/76	Lamar, CO	Houston	4-8	7.14	20	20	0	0	109.2	126	49	76
								Colo. Springs (AAA)	0-1	7.04	2	2	0	0	7.2	14	0	8
								Colorado	0-2	6.65	4	4	0	0	23.0	20	10	11
	Cam Esslinger	R	R	6-0	170	12/28/76	Vineland, NJ	Carolina (AA)	1-1	4.93	40	0	0	16	42.0	32	31	51
61	Brian Fuentes	L	L	6-4	220	08/09/75	Merced, CA	Tacoma (AAA)	3-2	2.94	35	0	0	6	52.0	35	25	70
								Seattle	1-1	4.63	10	0	0	0	11.2	6	8	10
10	Mike Hampton	R	L	5-10	180	09/09/72	Brooksville, FL	Colorado	14-13	5.41	32	32	2	0	203.0	236	85	122
48	Craig House	R	R	6-2	221	07/08/77	Okinawa, Japan	Colo. Springs (AAA)	2-2	4.45	54	0	0	6	58.2	50	31	62
57	Jason Jennings	L	R	6-2	242	07/17/78	Dallas, TX	Carolina (AA)	2-0	2.88	4	4	0	0	25.0	25	8	24
								Colo. Springs (AAA)	7-8	4.72	22	22	4	0	131.2	145	41	110
								Colorado	4-1	4.58	7	7	1	0	39.1	42	19	26
49	Jose Jimenez	R	R	6-3	228	07/07/73	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	Colorado	6-1	4.09	56	0	0	17	55.0	56	22	37
62	Josh Kalinowski	L	L	6-2	186	12/12/76	Pasco, WA	Carolina (AA)	7-8	4.06	25	25	0	0	137.1	151	65	116
15	Denny Neagle	L	L	6-3	225	09/13/68	Annapolis, MD	Colorado	9-8	5.38	30	30	0	0	170.2	192	60	139
36	Jose Paniagua	R	R	6-2	190	08/20/73	San Jose de Ocoa, DR	Seattle	4-3	4.36	60	0	0	3	66.0	59	38	46
	Dennys Reyes	R	L	6-3	246	04/19/77	Higuera de Zaragoza, Mexico	Louisville (AAA)	4-2	3.67	7	6	0	0	34.1	34	16	34
								Cincinnati	2-6	4.92	35	6	0	0	53.0	51	35	52
30	Justin Speier	R	R	6-4	205	11/06/73	Walnut Creek, CA	Cleveland	2-0	6.97	12	0	0	0	20.2	24	8	15
								Colo. Springs (AAA)	1-0	1.46	11	0	0	2	12.1	10	7	16
								Casper (R)	1-2	3.16	17	0	0	1	25.2	19	9	24
								Colorado	4-3	3.70	42	0	0	0	56.0	47	12	47
67	Denny Stark	R	R	6-2	210	10/27/74	Hicksville, OH	San Antonio (AA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	6.0	2	3	7
								Tacoma (AAA)	14-2	2.37	24	24	0	0	151.2	124	41	130
								Seattle	1-1	9.20	4	3	0	0	14.2	21	4	12
52	John Thomson	R	R	6-3	190	10/01/73	Vicksburg, MS	Colo. Springs (AAA)	5-3	3.31	12	12	0	0	68.0	74	13	52
								Colorado	4-5	4.04	14	14	1	0	93.2	84	25	68
	Colin Young	L	L	6-0	185	08/01/77	Melrose, MA	Salem (A)	4-3	1.42	47	0	0	21	57.0	35	12	72
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
29	Gary Bennett	R	R	6-0	208	04/17/72	Waukegan, IL	Philadelphia	.213	26	75	8	16	3	1	1	6	0
								Norfolk (AAA)	.299	20	67	7	20	5	0	2	14	0
								New York (NL)	1.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
								Colorado	.273	19	55	7	15	3	0	1	4	0
	Tony Eusebio	R	R	6-2	210	04/27/67	San Jose de Los Llanos, DR	Houston	.253	59	154	16	39	8	0	5	14	0
6	Ben Petrick	R	R	6-0	200	04/07/77	Salem, OR	Colo. Springs (AAA)	.250	18	64	11	16	2	0	1	9	1
								Colorado	.238	85	244	41	58	15	3	11	39	3
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
2	Brent Butler	R	R	6-0	180	02/11/78	Laurinburg, NC	Colo. Springs (AAA)	.335	65	272	51	91	20	3	7	38	4
								Colorado	.244	53	119	17	29	7	1	1	14	1
17	Todd Helton	L	L	6-2	204	08/20/73	Knoxville, TN	Colorado	.336	159	587	132	197	54	2	49	146	7
14	Greg Norton	S	R	6-1	200	07/06/72	San Leandro, CA	Colorado	.267	117	225	30	60	13	2	13	40	1
12	Jose Ortiz	R	R	5-9	177	06/13/77	Santo Domingo, DR	Sacramento (AAA)	.273	65	256	41	70	16	4	7	39	7
								Oakland	.167	11	42	4	7	0	0	0	3	1
								Colorado	.255	53	204	38	52	8	1	13	35	3
22	Terry Shumpert	R	R	6-0	198	08/16/66	Paducah, KY	Colorado	.289	114	242	37	70	14	5	4	24	14
4	Juan Uribe	R	R	5-11	173	07/22/80	Bani, DR	Carolina (AA)	.231	3	13	1	3	1	0	0	1	1
								Colo. Springs (AAA)	.310	74	281	40	87	27	7	7	48	11
								Colorado	.300	72	273	32	82	15	11	8	53	3
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
40	John Barnes	R	R	6-2	205	04/24/76	San Diego, CA	Edmonton (AAA)	.293	81	311	42	91	21	2	8	42	3
								Minnesota	.048	9	21	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
44	Mario Encarnacion	R	R	6-2	205	09/24/77	Bani, DR	Sacramento (AAA)	.285	51	186	29	53	8	2	12	33	4
								Colo. Springs (AAA)	.378	16	45	8	17	5	0	2	10	0
								Colorado	.226	20	62	3	14	1	0	0	3	2
6	Ross Gload	L	L	Jun-00	185	04/05/76	Brooklyn, NY	Iowa (AAA)	.297	133	475	70	141	32	10	15	93	9
27	Todd Hollandsworth	L	L	6-2	207	04/20/73	Dayton, OH	Colorado	.368	33	117	21	43	15	1	6	19	5
	Matt Holliday	R	R	6-4	215	01/15/80	Stillwater, OK	Salem (A)	.275	72	255	36	70	16	1	11	52	11
19	Mark Little	R	R	6-0	195	07/11/72	Edwardsville, IL	Colo. Springs (AAA)	.375	9	40	6	15	2	0	0	4	0
								Colorado	.341	51	85	18	29	6	0	3	13	5
3	Alex Ochoa	R	R	6-0	200	03/29/72	Miami Lakes, FL	Cincinnati	.289	90	349	48	101	20	4	7	35	12
								Colorado	.251	58	187	25	47	10	3	1	17	5
9	Juan Pierre	L	L	6-0	180	08/14/77	Mobile, AL	Colorado	.327	156	617	108	202	26	11	2	55	46
	Rene Reyes	S	R	5-11	175	02/21/78	Isla Margarita, VZ	Asheville (A)	.322	128	484	71	156	27	2	11	61	53
33	Larry Walker	L	R	6-3	233	12/01/66	Maple Ridge, Canada	Colorado	.350	142	497	107	174	35	3	38	123	14

San Diego Padres

Post-Gwynn era begins in San Diego, where GM Towers is methodically building Padres back to respectability.

For two decades, with teams that have run the gamut from two National League pennants to six last-place finishes, there has been one constant for the San Diego Padres—No. 19 Tony Gwynn.

But not anymore.

The Padres embark on a new era this year.

Gwynn has bid the big leagues adieu, leaving to take over as the head coach at his former school, San Diego State, next year.

For the Padres, however, the battle goes on.

A small-market team in a division with four other teams that are among the top revenue producers in baseball, the Padres live a roller coaster life, reaching the top on occasion but quickly having to revamp their roster to meet budget constraints.

There is a ray of hope on the horizon, however. Legal battles have finally been put to rest, and the Padres can now gear their efforts toward the opening of a new downtown stadium in 2004. It doesn't mean that owner John Moores has decided to break the bank, but it does mean that General Manager Kevin Towers can undertake his current youth movement with at least reason to feel a more stable time is on the horizon.

The promise of the new stadium has allowed Towers to try and at least keep a nucleus together. He has had to backload player contracts significantly, but during the offseason he was able to sign cleanup hitter Phil Nevin to a four-year deal, and Kevin Jarvis, the No. 1 man in the Padres' rotation a year ago, to a three-year agreement.

More importantly, though, the Padres look at 2002 with a feeling that they have found the young players who will allow them to stabilize a defense that was the worst in the National League last season. They've also lessened the learning curve for the young arms they have tried to work into their rotation.

While there isn't the No. 1 quality starter that is necessary to be a factor in the pitching-rich N.L. West, the Padres do have a veteran nucleus. Jarvis went from player who needed an invitation to camp a year ago to the Padres' top winner. Offseason acquisition **Brett Tomko** threw a no-hitter for Seattle's Class AAA Tacoma affiliate last year and has reached a make-or-break point in his career. And independent league refugee **Brian Tollberg**, who saw the Padres win 15 of his 19 starts, reaffirmed that having an idea about how to pitch is more important than a power arm. **Bobby Jones** gives the Padres innings, but a contract that balloons in 2003 makes him expendable.

Young guns ablaze

The most promising of the young arms is **Adam Eaton**, but he underwent reconstructive surgery on his right elbow midway through last season and most likely won't be a factor this year.

The Padres do, however, have some promising arms ready to harvest. **Brian Lawrence** bounced between Class AAA and the big leagues for four months last year before claiming a rotation spot the final two months and going 4-5 with a 3.13 ERA in 13 starts, averaging 6 1/3 innings each time out. **Jason Middlebrook** rebounded after initially being lost on waivers to the Mets (and then reclaimed on waivers after the 2000 season) to make the climb from Class AA to Class AAA to a season-ending audition in the big leagues. And **Dennis Tankersley** claimed honors as the organization's Pitcher of the Year, going 10-4 with a 1.99 ERA and 173 strikeouts in 122 innings between Class AA and Class AAA.

If the Padres can get into the eighth inning with a lead, the odds are they will hang on for the victory thanks to **Trevor Hoffman**. Having mastered a change-up to complement his fastball, Hoffman



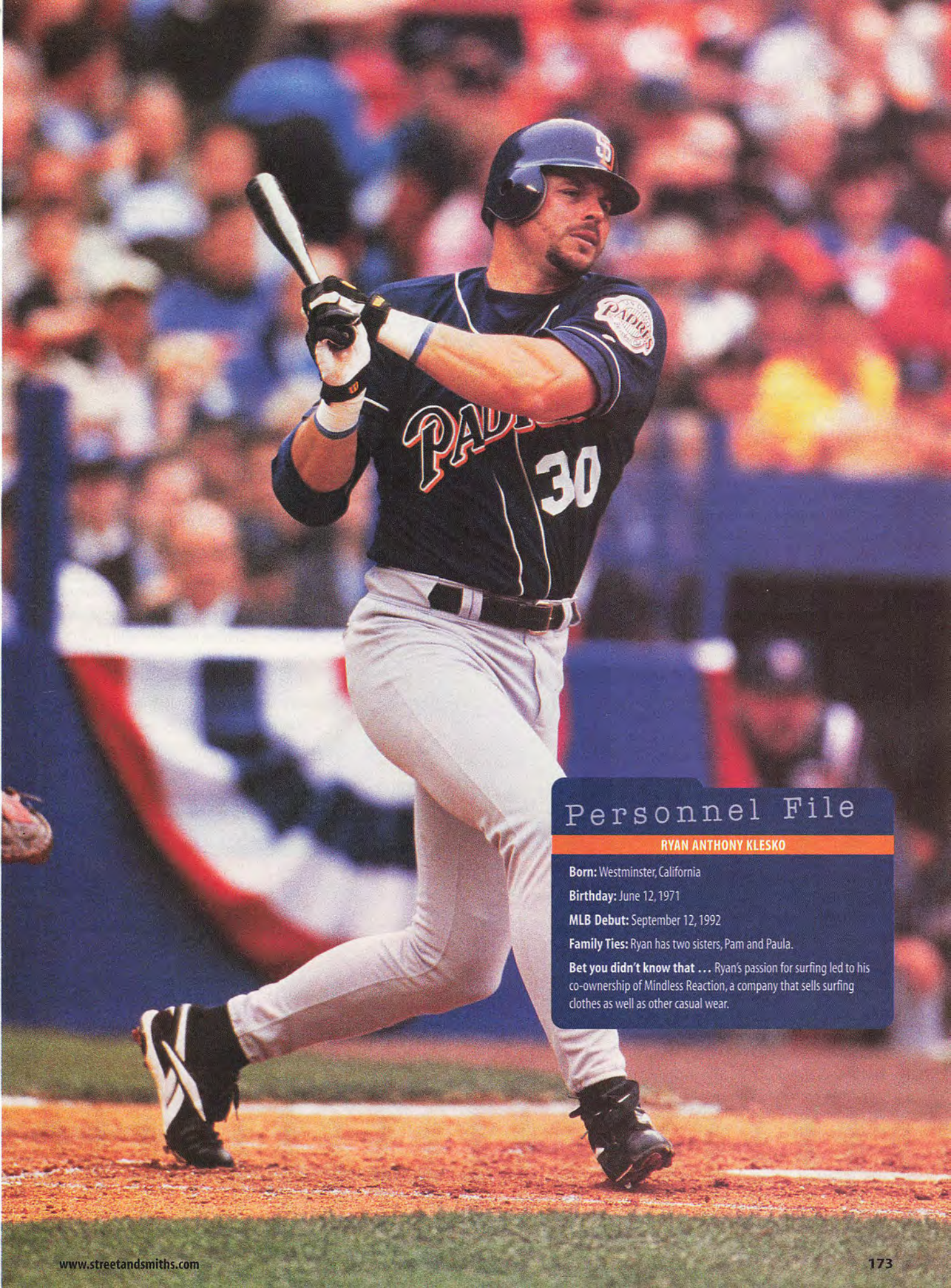
The success of the position switches of veteran slugger Phil Nevin (top) from third base to first and second-year man D'Angelo Jimenez from shortstop to second base will be a big key to the Padres' season.

BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK	CATEGORY	TEAM STATS	LEAGUE RANK
BATTING	.252	13	RUNS	789	6	FIELDING	.976	16
TOTAL BASES	2187	13	HOME RUNS	161	13	ERA	4.52	11
SLUGGING	.399	13	STOLEN BASES	129	3	SAVES	46	5
ON-BASE %	.336	7	LEFT ON BASE	1160	13	OPP. BA	.269	12

has enjoyed four consecutive 40-save seasons (five overall). He went more than an inning in eight of his 43 saves, failed to protect a lead only three times and converted 26 consecutive opportunities at one point.

The challenge for manager Bruce Bochy is getting the game from the starters to Hoffman.



Personnel File

RYAN ANTHONY KLESKO

Born: Westminster, California

Birthday: June 12, 1971

MLB Debut: September 12, 1992

Family Ties: Ryan has two sisters, Pam and Paula.

Bet you didn't know that . . . Ryan's passion for surfing led to his co-ownership of Mindless Reaction, a company that sells surfing clothes as well as other casual wear.

Left-hander **Kevin Walker**, a high school teammate of Kerry Wood, has closer potential, but like Eaton he is coming off reconstructive elbow surgery. He had been scored on in only two of 16 appearances before being sidelined last year.

With Walker's status uncertain, the Padres are left with three journeymen from the left side—**Jose Nunez**, **Rob Ramsay** and **Alan Embree**, who is on his sixth team in seven seasons.

Ben Davis is no longer the catcher of the future. Concerns about what arbitration could bring him, plus the fact that **Wiki Gonzalez** signed a palatable extension through 2005, prompted the Padres to ship Davis, infielder **Alex Arias** and pitcher **Wascar Serrano** to Seattle for **Tomko**, catcher **Tom Lampkin** and shortstop phenom **Ramon Vazquez**.

Gonzalez, who is more refined than Davis but doesn't have the upside potential, will assume the No. 1 chores, with **Lampkin** handling back-up duties.

The Padres have completely revamped an infield that was the main culprit in a league-leading 145 errors. The success of that project will be a key if there is going to be any improvement.

Musical positions in infield

Nevin, who committed more errors (27) than he started double plays (26), will move from third base to first, and shortstop **D'Angelo Jimenez**, who had 21 errors in 85 games at shortstop, returns to his natural position, second base.

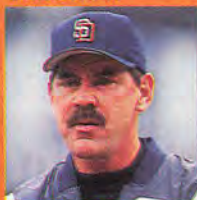
The move of **Nevin** allows former Little League World Series hero **Sean Burroughs**, son of former big-leaguer **Jeff** and a former first-round draft choice, to come to the majors at his natural position, third base, instead of being forced to move to second. **Vazquez**, who hit .300 at Class AAA Tacoma, becomes the fifth player to be proclaimed the Padres' No. 1 shortstop since the start of last season. **Cesar Crespo** and **Damian Jackson**, two other shortstops gone bad, will take on the utility roles.

Klesko on move again

With **Nevin** taking over at first, **Ryan Klesko**, whose bat is his calling card, will give it a try in right field. **Bubba Trammell** is the popular choice in left, where the Padres are anxious to shed **Ray Lankford** and his \$7.6 million contract. **Mark Kotsay** isn't flashy, but he's steady at the plate and in the field, giving the Padres stability in center field.

Klesko and **Nevin** give the Padres a legit left-right combo for the middle of the order, with **Trammell** and **Burroughs** providing offensive potential behind them. ■

RUNNING THE SHOW



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Manager

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Darrel Akerfeldt
Greg Booker
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Tim Flannery
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Alan Trammell

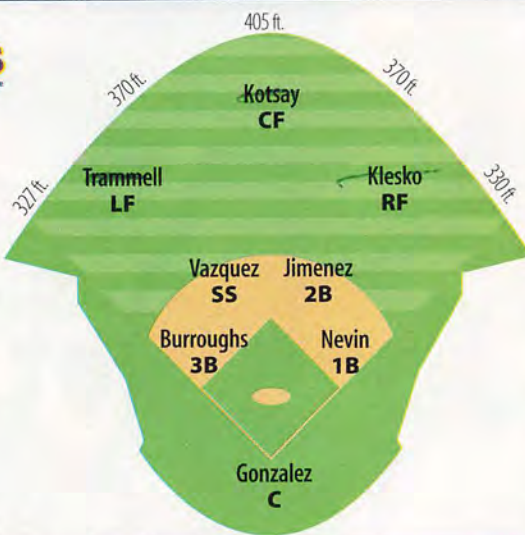


ROTATION

Jarvis (RH)
Tomko (RH)
Hollberg (RH)
Lawrence (RH)
Jones (RH)

BULLPEN

Hoffman (RH)
Fikac (RH)
Davey (RH)
Nunez (LH)
Embree (LH)
Tankersley (RH)



IMPACT ROOKIE: DENNIS TANKERSLEY



Steal from Red Sox may have stuff of a starter

When the Boston Red Sox traded Tankersley to San Diego for a month's rental of Ed Sprague, little did they know that he would emerge into a front-line starting pitcher. He can throw his low-90s sinking fastball, slider and change-up for strikes, moving the ball all around the strike zone. He repeats his delivery and holds runners well. His dominance was evident last season at three minor league levels, as he went 10-4 with a 1.98 ERA and recorded more than three strikeouts per walk. The Padres will give him an opportunity to earn a spot on the staff this spring. Tankersley should be a solid starter for the next decade.

MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Top Prospects

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Sean Burroughs, 3B | 6. Ben Johnson, OF |
| 2. Jacob Peavy, RHP | 7. Eric Cyr, LHP |
| 3. Dennis Tankersley, RHP | 8. Jake Gautreau, 3B |
| 4. Mark Phillips, LHP | 9. Mike Bynum, LHP |
| 5. Xavier Nady, 1B | 10. Ramon Vazquez, SS |

General Manager Kevin Towers has assembled an impressive list of minor league players, whether by the draft or via trade. The Padres arguably have the most pitching depth in the National League.

The wait will be over in San Diego, as **Burroughs** will (finally) be handed the starting third base role. He will consistently hit over .300 and his power is slowly emerging. **Peavy** has improved his velocity and durability with each season, and is a driven winner. **Tankersley** has developed into a solid pitcher and may be ready for a rotation spot by midseason.

Phillips throws nothing but gas, with a low-90s fastball

and a hard curveball, but he needs to establish better command. **Nady** is a pure hitter with power, but is without a position. He underwent reconstructive elbow surgery last fall, further complicating matters.

At 20, **Johnson** is a bundle of power and speed, and held his own as one of the youngest players in the California League (.276-12-63, 22 SB), but needs to reduce his strikeouts. **Cyr** had a 1.61 ERA and struck out 11.7 batters per game in a tough California League, using his command of three pitches. San Diego drafted **Gautreau**, despite having **Burroughs** and **Nady** on board. He hits the ball hard to all fields and may be given a look at second base in 2002. **Bynum** had a disappointing season at Double-A Mobile (5.02 ERA), but can be tough to hit when his slider is working. **Vazquez** should be an improvement defensively over **D'Angelo Jimenez**, and will hit enough to take over shortstop.

Right-handers **Brett Jodie** and **Junior Hemdon** will try to break into the starting rotation.

#	PITCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	BB	K
74	Winston Abreu	R	R	6-2	155	04/05/77	Cotui, DR	Greenville (AA)	3-5	4.64	34	7	0	0	73.2	56	45	93
	Ryan Baerlocher	R	R	6-5	220	08/06/77	Lewiston, ID	Wichita (AA)	13-8	3.99	28	28	2	0	180.2	180	55	124
	Cliff Bartosh	L	L	6-2	175	09/05/79	West, TX	Lake Elsinore (A)	6-2	1.58	38	0	0	10	45.2	42	12	66
								Mobile (AA)	1-2	3.97	20	0	0	2	22.2	20	13	20
67	Mike Bynum	L	L	6-4	200	03/20/78	Tampa, FL	Mobile (AA)	2-7	5.02	16	15	0	0	84.1	90	35	69
	Eric Cyr	R	L	6-4	200	02/11/79	Montreal, Quebec	Lake Elsinore (A)	7-4	1.61	21	16	0	0	100.2	68	24	131
44	Tom Davey	R	R	6-7	230	09/11/73	Garden City, MI	San Diego	2-4	4.50	39	0	0	0	38.0	41	17	37
53	Adam Eaton	R	R	6-2	190	11/23/77	Seattle, WA	San Diego	8-5	4.32	17	17	2	0	116.2	108	40	109
	Alan Embree	L	L	6-2	190	01/23/70	Vancouver, WA	San Francisco	0-2	11.25	22	0	0	0	20.0	34	10	25
								Chicago (AL)	1-2	5.03	39	0	0	0	34.0	31	7	34
57	Jeremy Fikac	R	R	6-2	185	04/08/75	Shiner, TX	Portland (AAA)	0-0	3.00	1	0	0	0	3.0	3	0	3
								Mobile (AA)	6-0	1.97	53	0	0	18	68.2	54	20	75
								San Diego	2-0	1.37	23	0	0	0	26.1	15	5	19
51	Trevor Hoffman	R	R	6-0	215	10/13/67	Bellflower, CA	San Diego	3-4	3.43	62	0	0	43	60.1	48	21	63
	Ben Howard	R	R	6-2	190	01/15/79	Danville, IL	Lake Elsinore (A)	8-2	2.83	18	18	0	0	101.2	86	32	107
								Mobile (AA)	2-0	2.40	7	5	0	0	30.0	17	15	29
32	Kevin Jarvis	L	R	6-2	200	08/01/69	Lexington, KY	San Diego	12-11	4.79	32	32	1	0	193.1	189	49	133
58	Brett Jodie	R	R	6-4	208	03/25/77	Columbia, SC	Norwich (AA)	2-0	0.64	2	2	0	0	14.0	10	2	14
								Columbus (AAA)	10-4	3.01	19	19	2	0	119.2	123	25	59
								New York (AL)	0-1	27.00	1	1	0	0	2.0	7	1	0
								Portland (AAA)	2-1	4.75	5	5	0	0	30.1	33	8	19
								San Diego	0-1	4.63	7	2	0	0	23.1	19	12	13
28	Bobby J. Jones	R	R	6-4	225	02/10/70	Fresno, CA	San Diego	8-19	5.12	33	33	1	0	195.0	250	38	113
50	Brian Lawrence	R	R	6-2	195	05/14/76	Fort Collins, CO	Portland (AAA)	1-3	3.80	9	8	0	1	45.0	42	17	42
								San Diego	5-5	3.45	27	15	1	0	114.2	107	34	84
54	Jason Middlebrook	R	R	6-3	215	06/26/75	Jackson, MI	Mobile (AA)	3-0	1.20	10	9	0	0	52.2	36	9	51
								Portland (AAA)	7-4	3.29	15	15	0	0	90.1	86	23	66
								San Diego	2-1	5.12	4	3	0	0	19.1	18	10	10
37	Jose Antonio Nunez	L	L	6-2	165	03/14/79	Monte Cristy, DR	Los Angeles	0-1	13.50	6	0	0	0	7.1	14	5	11
								San Diego	4-1	3.31	56	0	0	0	51.2	48	20	49
	Rob Ramsay	L	L	6-5	215	12/03/73	Vancouver, WA	Tacoma (AAA)	10-11	4.82	26	26	0	0	149.1	160	60	113
	Andy Shibilo	R	R	6-7	220	09/16/76	Massapequa Park, NY	Lake Elsinore (A)	10-2	1.96	60	0	0	15	82.2	66	27	105
	Dennis Tankersley	R	R	6-2	185	02/24/79	Troy, MO	Lake Elsinore (A)	5-1	0.52	9	8	0	0	52.1	29	12	68
								Mobile (AA)	4-1	2.07	13	13	0	0	69.2	44	24	89
								Portland (AAA)	1-2	6.91	3	3	0	0	14.1	16	8	16
55	Brian Tollberg	R	R	6-3	195	09/16/72	Tampa, FL	Lake Elsinore (A)	0-2	6.30	2	2	0	0	10.0	18	1	9
								Portland (AAA)	1-0	4.50	4	4	0	0	20.0	24	4	10
								San Diego	10-4	4.30	19	19	0	0	117.1	133	25	71
40	Brett Tomko	R	R	6-4	215	04/07/73	San Diego, CA	Tacoma (AAA)	10-6	4.04	19	18	3	0	127.0	124	25	117
								Seattle	3-1	5.19	11	4	0	0	34.2	42	15	22
56	Kevin Walker	L	L	6-4	190	09/20/76	Irving, TX	San Diego	0-0	3.00	16	0	0	0	12.0	5	8	17
#	CATCHERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
7	Wiki Gonzalez	R	R	5-11	203	05/17/74	Aragua, Venezuela	Lake Elsinore (A)	.154	4	13	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
								San Diego	.275	64	160	16	44	6	0	8	27	2
	Tom Lampkin	L	R	5-11	195	03/04/64	Cincinnati, OH	Seattle	.225	79	204	28	46	10	0	5	22	1
#	INFELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
8	Cesar Crespo	S	R	5-11	170	05/23/79	Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	Portland (AAA)	.260	78	273	46	71	18	3	8	29	23
								San Diego	.209	55	153	27	32	6	0	4	12	6
	Kevin Eberwein	R	R	6-4	200	03/30/77	Tacoma, WA	Lake Elsinore (A)	.333	9	30	6	10	4	0	2	4	0
								Portland (AAA)	.266	27	94	16	25	8	1	3	11	0
2	Damian Jackson	R	R	5-11	185	08/16/73	Los Angeles, CA	Portland (AAA)	.300	3	10	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
								San Diego	.241	122	440	67	106	21	6	4	38	23
4	D'Angelo Jimenez	S	R	6-0	194	12/21/77	Santo Domingo, DR	San Diego	.276	86	308	45	85	19	0	3	33	2
								Columbus (AAA)	.262	56	214	33	56	11	1	5	19	5
17	Donaldo Mendez	R	R	6-1	155	06/07/78	Barquisimeto, Venezuela	San Diego	.153	46	118	11	18	2	1	1	5	1
70	Xavier Nady	R	R	6-0	180	11/14/78	Salinas, CA	Lake Elsinore (A)	.302	137	524	96	158	38	1	26	100	6
23	Phil Nevin	R	R	6-2	231	01/19/71	Fullerton, CA	San Diego	.306	149	546	97	167	31	0	41	126	4
13	Ramon Vazquez	L	R	5-11	170	08/21/76	Aibonito, Puerto Rico	Tacoma (AAA)	.300	127	466	85	140	28	1	10	79	9
								Seattle	.229	17	35	5	8	0	0	0	4	0
#	OUTFIELDERS	B	T	HT	WT	DATE	PLACE OF BIRTH	2001 TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
26	Mike Darr	L	R	6-3	205	03/21/76	Corona, CA	Mobile (AA)	.200	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
								San Diego	.277	105	289	36	80	13	1	2	34	6
25	Kory DeHaan	L	R	6-2	187	07/16/76	Pella, IA	Portland (AAA)	.253	87	304	35	77	9	5	7	28	12
								Mobile (AA)	.296	42	159	29	47	8	2	4	23	12
	Todd Donovan	R	R	6-1	175	08/12/78	New London, CT	Lake Elsinore (A)	.304	41	168	37	51	7	0	1	12	23
30	Ryan Klesko	L	L	6-3	220	06/12/71	Westminster, CA	San Diego	.286	146	538	105	154	34	6	30	113	23
14	Mark Kotsay	L	L	6-0	190	12/02/75	Whittier, CA	San Diego	.291	119	406	67	118	29	1	10	58	13
16	Ray Lankford	L	L	5-11	200	06/05/67	Modesto, CA	St. Louis	.235	91	264	38	62	18	3	15	39	4
								San Diego	.288	40	125	20	36	10	1	4	19	6
	Jeremy Owens	R	R	6-1	200	12/09/76	Johnson City, TN	Mobile (AA)	.215	107	395	46	85	20	6	7	26	33
								Lake Elsinore (A)	.198	24	91	8	18	1	1	3	9	4
27	Bubba Trammell	R	R	6-2	220	11/06/71	Knoxville, TN	San Diego	.261	142	490	66	128	20	3	25	92	2

COLLEGE BASEBALL PREVIEW

Educated Guess

More and more top
high school players
are turning down
big pro bonuses to
play college ball—
and living to not
regret it.

By **SCOTT RABALAIS**
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

The day Jeremy Sowers walked into his first class at Vanderbilt, Roy Mewbourne felt like he finally hit the jackpot.

Here was Sowers, the 20th pick of the 2001 amateur draft by the Cincinnati Reds, turning his back on about a \$1.5 million signing bonus for maybe four (but probably three) years worth of books, tuition and board.

"I've lost so many to the pros, I can't tell you," says Mewbourne, entering his 23rd year as Vanderbilt's baseball coach. "I think the odds have finally swung my way."

Mewbourne wasn't the only college coach last year to trump a pro club's lucrative hand with a seemingly anemic offer.

At Ole Miss, first-rounder Alan Horne turned down millions from the Cleveland Indians to pitch for the Rebels. And at Southern Cal, two second-rounders—J.P. Howell (Atlanta Braves) and Matt Chico (Boston Red Sox)—opted for college ball over the minor leagues.

Mewbourne and Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco say they don't see a trend in their good fortune, but USC's Mike Gillespie does. Maybe it's because of experience.

"When I came into this in 1986, two players in the top 10 rounds didn't sign," Gillespie recalls. "I know, because they both came to USC. This year, it's more like 50."

"Kids, parents, high school coaches, even some agents are becoming more informed that it's often in the kids' best interest to go to school. In terms of money, the vast majority end up doing better (in pro ball)."

How much better? Agent Scott Boras, who represents a fair chunk of baseball glitterati (Barry Bonds, Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter, among others) says he's worked the numbers on how much better three or four years in college is for future pros.

"The answer is they have a 200 percent better chance of playing at least six years in the majors if they go to college," says Boras, referring to first-round picks.

Not all of Boras's protégés go that route. Bonds built a Hall-of-Fame career after a stint at Arizona State. But Rodriguez went straight from high school.

But, by and large, Boras has the same message for young players: first college, then pro ball.

"The (major league) clubs don't like me because I sell college," says Boras, who played at Pacific before he played professionally. "It's a risk. The scouts say 'sign now and get to the big leagues quicker.'"

"Scouts are experts at what they do. They know how to appraise physical talents. But college brings out and refines character."

For some players the decision is well defined. Horne went to Ole Miss not as a freshman but a sophomore, already possessing 28 credit hours along with a multi-pitch repertoire.

But Horne, like Sowers, Howell, Chico and the rest of the class of 2001, will learn more than what they get in the classroom.

"You get to learn to live on your own and pay bills," Bianco says. "A kid in high school hasn't done that before, and there is a coach there to help when they have a problem. It's not like in the pros, when they send you to Billings, Montana, and say 'good luck.'"

And maybe, if they're fortunate, the draft money grows while they're in school like some fuel-injected mutual fund.

Consider the case of Mark Prior, a sandwich pick out of high school taken 43rd overall by the New York Yankees. He was offered \$1.5 million but signed with Vanderbilt, transferred to USC after a year and left the Trojans after the 2001 season as the No. 2 overall pick by the Chicago Cubs.

"Everyone thought he was a chump," Gillespie says. "But here we are three years later and he has \$10.5 million (signing bonus) and a degree."

"There are no guarantees. We certainly can't tell players that coming to school guarantees they will get more money. But statistics tell us they would do better."

Do better in ways that statistics can't begin to measure.

Third time should be the charm for loaded Stanford Cardinal.

1. Stanford (51-17 in 2001)

The Cardinal has come painfully close to College World Series titles the last two years, losing to LSU in 2000 and Miami last year. This time, Stanford closes the deal. The Cardinal has a potent blend of experience and talent, led by junior right-hander Jeremy Guthrie (13-4, 2.82 ERA) on the mound and senior second baseman Chris O'Riordan (.359, 12 HR, 68 RBI) in the lineup. Coach Mark Marquess has even another All-America to depend on: sophomore outfielder Carlos Quentin (.345, 11, 52).



Jeremy Guthrie, Stanford

2. Miami (53-12)

Graduation and the draft blew away a significant chunk of the Hurricanes' lineup and pitching staff. But this is Miami, where top-quality talent seems to sprout like mangroves. And the 'Canes do have experienced talent at the top, led by senior shortstop Javi Rodriguez (.388, 5 HR, 51 RBI), the NCAA leader with 66 stolen bases. All-America reliever George Huguet (1-0, 2.08 ERA, 14 saves) mans the bullpen along with Luke DeBold (2-1, 1.74, 4). The 'Canes do have to solidify their rotation but, hey, every baseball team has its holes to fill.

3. Clemson (41-22)

There's one word to describe the Tigers in 2002: loaded. Clemson can boast of no less than four top-drawer All-America candidates: third baseman Jeff Baker (.369, 23 HR, 69 RBI), first baseman Michael Johnson (.321, 18, 54), starting right-hander Steve Reba (12-3, 2.58 ERA, 103 strikeouts) and utility player Jarrod Schmidt (.298, 16 HR, 51 RBI; 7-3, 4.34 ERA). The only thing that might separate Clemson from

fellow title contenders like Stanford, Miami and Southern Cal is not having made it all the way to the top. But you have to start somewhere, and this may be the Tigers' time.

4. Southern Cal (45-19)

The Trojans may not be the top team in the Pac-10, but that hardly means USC might not be carting away a 13th national championship in June. True, the Trojans lost stud pitchers Mark Prior and Rik Currier and their 17 wins, but USC has plenty of aluminum alloy returning in outfielder Brian Barre (.345, 13 HR, 48 RBI), catcher Alberto Concepcion (.321, 7, 41) and second baseman Anthony Lunetta (.305, 5, 38). Righties Brian Bannister (4-4, 2.80 ERA, 5 saves) and Anthony Reyes (5-4, 3.72) try to fill the mound vacuum.

5. Florida State (47-19)

The Seminoles had to cancel their regular reservations in Omaha in 2001, but don't give away their rooms this time. Mike Martin's team is stocked with talented, veteran guys. Players like outfielders Nick Rogers (.351, 6 HR, 38 RBI) and Mike Futrell (.345, 6, 38) and infielder Ryan Barthelemy (.343, 14, 72) know how to win the big ones, while workhorse pitcher Blair Varnes (9-1, 3.61 ERA, 114.2 innings) is king of the mound. Between FSU and Clemson, the ACC pennant race should sizzle.

6. Nebraska (50-16)

It took forever for the Cornhuskers to make the short trip from Lincoln to Omaha, and they didn't stay long, going 0-2 in the CWS. This year, the 'Huskers are committed to being less hospitable hosts. Two-time All-America right-hander Shane Komine (14-2, 3.35 ERA, NCAA-leading 157 strikeouts) rules the mound, while lefty Justin Pekarek (0-1, 3.86) has his back. Designated hitter Matt Hopper (.358, 12 HR, 85 RBI) and leadoff man Jeff Leise (.380, 7, 61) are swinging at Haymarket Park again.

7. Notre Dame (49-13-1)

The nation's top-ranked recruiting class is evidence of the steadily strengthening baseball program under the Golden Dome, though when it comes to reaching the CWS the Irish always

seem to hit a glass ceiling. This may be the year they break through, led by All-America candidates like outfielder Steve Stanley (.400, 1 HR, 32 RBI) and second baseman Steve Sollman (.373, 5, 34). Offense will have to carry the load for a pitching staff that lost Aaron Heilman and his sparkling 15-0 record to the New York Mets, but it's a great place to start.

8. Tulane (56-13)

Like the 'Huskers, the Green Wave finally made it to the CWS promised land, even eliminating Nebraska from, well, Nebraska. Now we'll see if the Wave can keep from breaking. Tulane lost big sticks like Jake Gautreau, Andy Cannizaro and Matt Groff, but returns some serious talents such as outfielder/pitcher Michael Aubrey (.361, 13 HR, 69 RBI; 3-1, 5.15 ERA) and infielder Anthony Gerratano (.352, 3, 47). Aubrey is only one left-hander in an eight-deep pitching staff that includes Andrew Corona (8-1, 3.65) and Beau Richardson (8-1, 4.24).

9. Texas (36-26)

When last we saw the Longhorns they were coming up one run short of beating out Stanford for a ticket to the CWS. That's good for most programs, but not at history-steeped Texas. The 'Horns will try to hook up with a trip to Omaha led by a pair of former Freshman All-America choices: infielder Omar Quintanilla and left-hander Justin Simmons. Quintanilla led Texas in hitting (.367, 2 HR, 37 RBI) but suffered a broken nose and eye socket in an April on-field collision. Simmons (7-3, 3.39 ERA) was the winningest pitcher on a stingy staff (3.17 ERA).

Alberto Concepcion, Southern Cal



10. Ole Miss (39-23)

What gives the Rebels cause to be ranked so high? How about a great hitter in outfielder Burney Hutchinson (.356, 14 HR, 63 RBI)? Or a gifted returning pitcher in right-hander Pete Montrenes (10-4, 3.45 ERA)? Add freshman pitcher Alan Horne, a first-round pick who spurned the Cleveland Indians to become a Rebel, and maybe the hottest young coach in the country in second-year man Mike Bianco, and you have the recipe for a dangerous dark horse.

11. Cal State Fullerton (48-18)

The Titans manage to never slip too far down the ladder of national powers, though they will need an infusion of offense to have a chance to see Omaha this year. Fullerton has pitching—starting ace Derric Merrell (8-4, 2.95 ERA) and former Freshman All-America Chad Cordero (3-4, 1.83), who tied for third nationally last year with 14 saves. The Titans return just one of their top 10 hitters from 2001: outfielder Chris Stringfellow (.345, 4 HR, 36 RBI).

12. LSU (44-23)

The Tigers missed the College World Series in 2001, coach Skip Bertman's last season, but haven't failed to reach the CWS in back-to-back years since their first trip to Omaha in 1986. New coach Smoke Laval, a Bertman disciple, inherits a team with ability and abundant question marks. LSU will have strong pitching with Freshman All-America choice Lane Mestepey (11-3, 3.75 ERA) and a finally healthy Bo Pettit (4-0, 2.42), but it needs hitters to sprout up around third baseman Wally Pontiff (.347, 7 HR, 58 RBI) and outfielder David Raymer (.324, 4, 30).

13. Texas Tech (43-20-1)

The Red Raiders had a close-but-not-quite kind of season in 2001—runner-up to Nebraska in the Big 12, falling to Cal State Fullerton in the final of the Fullerton regional. Texas Tech is trying to build a brighter future, starting with the remodeling of Dan Law Field and better performances on the field from players like All-America third baseman Nick Blankenship (.353, 10 HR, 61 RBI) and right-handed pitcher Chris Phillips (11-5, 4.13 ERA).

14. Rice (47-20)

The Owls made it to Nebraska but lost to the Cornhuskers in the Lincoln Super Regional, missing the CWS by an hour's drive. This year Rice will try to complete the journey, with shortstop Eric Arnold (.325, 15 HR, 65 RBI) leading the way along with outfielder A.J. Porfirio

(.345, 6, 29). Missing 22 wins and 38 starts from the departed duo of Kenny Baugh and Jon Skaggs, Rice will have to rebuild its pitching staff around right-handers Steven Herce (6-1, 2.37 ERA) and Phillip Tribe (4-2, 3.19).

15. South Carolina (49-20)

The Gamecocks lost a lot of pitching in Kip Bouknight and Lee Gronkiewicz, but the "other USC" didn't get to be the winningest program in the country the last two years (105-30) with just two guys. Pitchers Gary Bell (10-5, 3.46 ERA) and David Marchbanks (7-1, 3.63) will fill the void nicely. The Gamecocks still need more offense (.286 team average in 2001), though outfielder Garriss Gonce (338, 9 HR, 35 RBI) and shortstop Drew Meyer (.303, 7, 37) are good building blocks.

16. Rutgers (42-17)

When the NCAA went to its 64-team tournament format, it hoped to cultivate stronger programs in the Northeast. The Scarlet Knights and coach Fred Hill responded with the kind of star power rarely matched in the South and West. Right-hander Bobby Brownlie (6-3, 2.36 ERA) is not just the nation's top hurler but its top prospect, and first baseman Val Majewski (.373, 8 HR, 50 RBI) is a mere All-America. No one wants to see the Scarlet Knights in their part of the bracket.

17. Arizona State (37-20-1)

Looking for the next Barry Bonds, major league teams plundered the Sun Devils' roster for seven draft picks plus a free agent. Rebuilding is

the order of the day at ASU, team-wise and field-wise (the Sun Devils will play at the Chicago Cubs' HoHoKam Park while Packard Stadium is renovated). There is still plenty of talent in Tempe, though, with players like outfielder Rod Allen (.389, 6 HR, 53 RBI) and pitcher Mike Esposito (5-2, 4.06 ERA) returning.

18. Georgia Tech (41-20)

Nothing went right for the Yellow Jackets in 2001, starting with an injury to Player-of-the-Year candidate Mark Teixeira that held him to just 16 games played. Teixeira is gone now, but a new era is dawning in Atlanta, starting with rebuilt Russ Chandler Stadium and continuing on the mound with pitchers like lefty Kyle Bakker (4-1, 2.78 ERA). Replacing Teixeira's pop in the lineup will be easier with players like shortstop Victor Menocal (.381, 4 HR, 51 RBI), equally talented with the bat and the glove, and first baseman Jason Perry (.337, 14, 57).

19. Tennessee (48-20)

The Volunteers lost seven players to the draft, including the incomparable Chris Burke, but coach Rod Delmonico isn't setting the goals low for this team. "Our expectations are to return to Omaha," he says. To reach that end the Vols have brought in more speed to compensate for a lack of power, but players like catcher Javi Herrera (.296, 7 HR, 45 RBI) and outfielder Dan Wilson (.294, 5, 37) will have to help UT hit better throughout the lineup. Right-handers Brandon Crowe (6-0, 3.68 ERA, 3 saves) and Patrick Hicklen (5-4, 5.27) and the rest of the staff must also help out.

Standout Tennessee catcher Javi Herrera tries to prevent Miami's Charton Jimerson from scoring.



ALLSPORT U.S.A.

20. East Carolina (47-13)

The Pirates have become a mainstay of the NCAA Tournament scene with three straight appearances, including last year's No. 1 regional seed. ECU returns about half of its lineup, led by third baseman Bryant Ward (.366, 8 HR, 37 RBI), but the pitching staff is where the real strength lies. Sam Narron (12-1, 2.67 ERA) led the team in wins last year, but guys like Jason Mandryk (7-1, 1.95) and Will Brinson (3-1, 3.12, 8 saves) are hardly easy touches.

21. Oklahoma State (42-22)

The Cowboys used to be regulars at the College World Series, but Oklahoma State hasn't been to Omaha in three years. The Cowboys may be getting closer, though, returning all but two players from their starting lineup and the meat of the pitching staff. Right-handers Joe Weaver (8-0, 3.23 ERA) and Nick McCurdy (7-5, 3.61) are back on the mound, while Nebassett Brown (.381, 6 HR, 57 RBI) and Paul Powell (.315, 10, 44) lead the offense.

22. Wake Forest (44-18)

The Demon Deacons win the New York Yankee way—get the lead in the late innings and get the ball in Dave Bush's hands. The right-handed reliever (4-3, 2.65 ERA) was second in the nation with 16 saves a year ago. He'll be set up by three returning starters led by Kyle Sleeth (10-3, 5.03). Last year's NCAA Freshman of the Year, Jamie D'Antona (.364, 17 HR, 77 RBI), returns to pace the offense.

23. Winthrop (47-16-1)

The Eagles' program is rapidly gaining respect as evidenced by Winthrop's at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament last year, the first ever for a Big South Conference school in any sport. The Eagles knocked off a string of "big boys" last season—Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Clemson, North Carolina and North Carolina State—but others will be gunning for Winthrop now. Ben Thurmond (9-1, 2.24 ERA) is back on the mound after a tour of duty with Team USA, while All-America candidate Todd Leathers (.392, 10 HR, 53 RBI) patrols the outfield, in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

24. Central Florida (51-14)

The defending Atlantic Sun champion Golden Knights lost their one-two pitching duo of Justin Pope and Jason Arnold (29-4 combined), and will depend on an influx of newcomers to stay in championship form. UCF will look to transfer pitchers Lincoln Minicks (from Iowa State's disbanded program) and Mark Michael (Kentucky)

and freshman pitcher/infielder Michael Fox, who passed up a sixth-round draft pick by the Arizona Diamondbacks to play in Orlando. Catcher Jeremy Frost (.325, 13 HR, 56 RBI) is one of the top incumbents.

25. Mississippi State (39-23)

After Pat McMahon left State for the head coaching job at Florida, Ron Polk sped back to Starkville just weeks after bringing Georgia to the

CWS. Polk coached State from 1976-97, leading the Bulldogs to Omaha five times. What kind of team did he find? This was the headline from the fall scrimmage: "Pitching dominates in annual Maroon-White game." State returns capable hands like righty Tanner Brock (7-2, 4.44 ERA) and lefty Paul Maholm (8-4, 4.06), but needs to vastly improve its .273 batting average. First baseman Matthew Brinson (.328, 7 HR, 46 RBI) is the only returning .300 hitter.

BEST OF THE REST

Alabama (32-23)

The Crimson Tide missed the NCAA Tournament last year, but its hopes of rebounding got a big lift with the return of senior right-hander Lance Cormier (9-5, 2.30 ERA). He forms one of the nation's top batteries with catcher Jeremy Brown (.363, 10 HR, 48 RBI).

Brigham Young (38-22)

Ex-major leaguer Vance Law is back for his third season coaching in Provo, and it should be the best. The Cougars return a trio of All-Mountain West batters, led by right fielder Matt Carson (.335, 18 HR, 70 RBI) and third baseman Kainoa Obrey (.381, 13, 56). Senior Ryan Adams (6-2, 4.10 ERA) is the dean of Cougar pitchers.

Coastal Carolina (42-20)

The Chanticleers will make life difficult for the rest of the Big South Conference again this year, and will be someone's unwelcome NCAA regional visitor. Coastal returns most of its starters and pitchers, like right fielder Chad Feltz (.376, 13 HR, 62 RBI) and right-hander Brian Fischer (11-3, 3.02 ERA).

Florida (35-27)

The Gators were an NCAA team once again last year, but Andy Lopez still couldn't keep his job. Apparently, new coach Pat McMahon will have to do better. His first Gator squad returns about two-thirds of its hitting and pitching, led by outfielder Matt Goss (.356, 11 HR, 54 RBI) and left-hander Jimmy Ramshaw (5-3, 5.80 ERA).

Fresno State (41-25)

Veteran pitching will have to do for the Bulldogs until the hitting can come around. Starters like All-America candidate Bob Runyon (10-1, 3.54 ERA), Zach Minor (8-5, 4.02) and Francisco Nieves (7-4, 4.67) all hurled 104 or more innings last year. But can they help the Bulldogs bat better than .301?

Georgia (47-22)

The euphoria from the Bulldogs' first trip to the College World Series since winning it in 1990 hadn't worn off when Ron Polk announced he was returning to Mississippi State. Now Polk assistant David Perno, who played on that 1990 team, has the task of maintaining Georgia's new success. Relief ace Jeffrey Carswell (10-2, 3.32 ERA) is a good man to start with.

Houston (29-30)

The Cougars are coming off a mediocre 2001 campaign but are showing signs of improvement. Keith Whatley (.317, 16 RBI) and Chris Snyder (.316, 13 HR, 53 RBI), a Team USA catcher last summer, lead the offense, while pitchers Brad Sullivan (6-7, 3.41 ERA) and Austin Faught (5-6, 4.57) will be counted on for more wins.

Illinois (29-28)

The Illini are aiming to contend once again for the conference championship, led by Big Ten Pitcher of the Year Andy Dickinson (11-1, 3.51 ERA), third baseman Luke Simmons (.356, 11 HR, 54 RBI) and first baseman Andy Schutzenhofer (.392, 1, 42).

Long Beach State (35-23)

The 49ers have new hopes with coach Mike Weathers replacing Dave Snow. Outfielder/first baseman Jeremy Reed (.348, 40 RBI) led Team USA with a .366 average last summer, and looks to bring his hot stick back in 2002.

Ohio State (43-18)

The defending Big Ten champions are trying to build a consistent winner and have the right elements back for another conference and NCAA run. First baseman Nick Swisher (.322, 15 HR, 56 RBI) returns after a stint with Team USA, while right-hander E.J. Laratta (9-3, 4.08 ERA) demonstrated an all-conference arm in 2001.

Oral Roberts (48-13)

The Golden Eagles lost only two starters and one starting pitcher from last year's team, so making a return to the NCAA Tournament looks like a good bet. All-America candidate Michael Rogers (14-1, 2.37 ERA) is throwing for ORU again, while David Castillo (.361, 2 HR, 30 RBI) is back as his catcher.

Pepperdine (42-18)

They lost tons of hitting and pitching out in Malibu, but it seems the Waves always find a way to rock the boat on the national scene. Shortstop Kevin Estrada (.351, 3 HR, 41 RBI), a transfer from Florida, should help fill the void, joining catcher Rock Mills (.307, 9, 39).

Southwest Missouri State (36-22)

It looks like the "Year of the Pitcher" everywhere, including Springfield. The Bears return the meat of their staff with pitchers Bob Zimmermann (7-3, 2.28 ERA, 6 saves) and Brad Ziegler (9-2, 3.18) but need hitters to replace three draft picks. Second baseman Matt Gardner (.324, 12 HR, 52 RBI) returns to lead the offense.

Virginia Commonwealth (41-19)

The Rams have a deep pitching staff and a guy who can ruin a pitcher's day in center fielder Matt Davis (.396, 3 HR, 26 RBI). Jose Pabon (.329, 6, 34) is also back patrolling the outfield, while Freshman All-America choice Sean Marshall (9-4, 3.34 ERA) mans the mound.

Wichita State (42-24)

The Shockers finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference last year for the first time since 1986, but they're looking for a return to dominance and national prominence in 2002. Brian Burgamy (.353, 5 HR, 47 RBI) looks to move from third base to second, while Justin Maureau (6-3, 4.18 ERA) is back after throwing 91 strikeouts last season. ■

AROUND THE HORN

• The San Diego State Aztecs have been playing at Tony Gwynn Field for years. Pretty soon, they'll be playing for him. Just weeks before the future Hall-of-Famer retired from the San Diego Padres, the school announced that he will become its head coach effective at the end of the 2002 season. Until that day, Gwynn, a lifetime .338 hitter, will serve as a volunteer coach under Jim Dietz, a 2001 American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee who is entering his 31st season. Gwynn, whose son Anthony plays for SDSU, was an Aztec from 1979-81, hitting .423 in 1980 and .416 in '81.

• Speaking of family efforts, Seton Hall coach Mike Sheppard is expected to return to the Pirates' dugout this year after sitting out the 2001 season because of heart-bypass surgery. Rob Sheppard, Mike's son, did more than a passing job as interim coach in his dad's absence, leading the Hall to a 34-23-1 season that included a Big East championship and NCAA appearance. For his efforts, Rob Sheppard was named New Jersey Coach of the Year and promoted (demoted?) to associate head coach.

• Gwynn isn't the only big leaguer going back to college. Dave Johnson, a World Series champion as a player with the Baltimore Orioles and manager with the New York Mets, is joining the athletic staff at Rollins College just outside Orlando. Johnson, who grew up in the area, will serve as an assistant to the athletic director and teach a baseball coaching class.

• After making the democratic move of expanding the NCAA Tournament field from 48 to 64 teams in 1999, the NCAA may champion the cause of common sense in coming years. This is the last year of CBS's contract to televise the College World Series championship game (plus one game from the CWS's first Saturday), with ESPN expected to regain the entire tournament in 2003. To that end, the NCAA is talking with ESPN about adjusting the format so that the winners of the two four-team brackets will meet in a best two-of-three series to decide the championship. Currently, the winners of the two double-elimination brackets meet in a winner-take-all, single-game final, though sometimes bracket winners with one loss have beaten undefeated teams for the championship.

Street & Smith's 2002 College Baseball All-America Team

POSITION PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Javi Rodriguez, Sr., SS, Miami: What better place to look for the nation's best player than the MVP of the nation's best team? Rodriguez batted .388 in 2001 with five home runs, 51 RBI and an NCAA-leading 66 stolen bases, a Hurricane record. Returning for his senior year, Rodriguez will be out to swipe a lot more bases, along with a second straight national championship.

POSITION PLAYERS TO WATCH

Eric Arnold, Sr., SS, Rice (.325, 15 HR, 65 RBI)
Michael Aubrey, So., OF/P, Tulane (.361-13-69; 3-1, 5.15 ERA, 1 save)
Jeff Baker, Jr., 3B, Clemson (.369-23-69)
Nick Blankenship, Sr., 3B, Texas Tech (.353-10-61)
Jeremy Brown, Jr., C, Alabama (.363-10-48)
Gregg Davies, Sr., OF, Towson State (.399-15-74)
Matt Davis, Sr., OF, Virginia Commonwealth (.396-3-26)
Matt Hopper, Jr., utility, Nebraska (.358-12-85)
Burney Hutchinson, Sr., OF, Ole Miss (.356-14-63)
Michael Johnson, Jr., 1B, Clemson (.321-18-54)
Brock Koman, Jr., 3B, Michigan (.383-14-60)
Todd Leathers, Sr., OF, Winthrop (.392-10-53)
Val Majewski, Sr., 1B, Rutgers (.373-8-50)
Victor Menocal, Sr., SS, Georgia Tech (.381-4-51)
Chad Oliva, Sr., C, Jacksonville (.335-19-65)
Chris O'Riordan, Sr., 2B, Stanford (.379-10-63)

Phil Pilewski, Sr., 1B, Toledo (.433-13-57)

Carlos Quentin, Sr., OF, Stanford (.345-11-52)

Steve Stanley, Jr., OF, Notre Dame (.400-1-32)

Ricky Weeks, So., OF, Southern (.422-14-70)

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

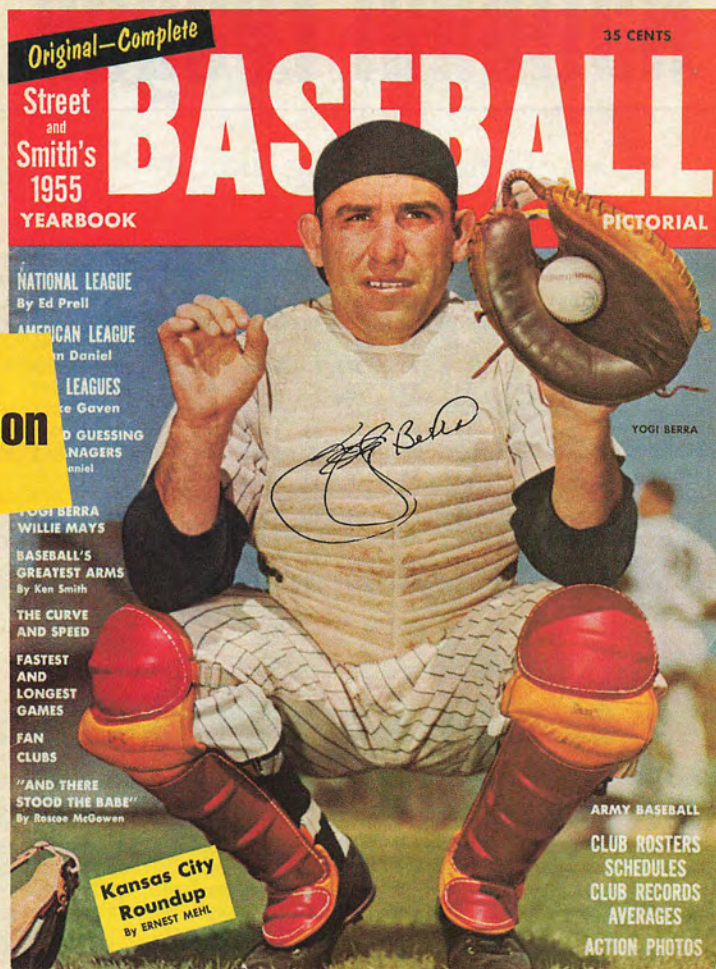
Bobby Brownlie, Jr., RHP, Rutgers: Before his sophomore year he was the top prospect in the highly respected Cape Cod Summer League. Now he's considered the top prospect in the country. Brownlie went 6-3 in 2001 (he's now 16-4 for his career) with a 2.36 ERA (86 Ks, 17 BBs, 84 IP).

PITCHERS TO WATCH

Dave Bush, Sr., Wake Forest (3-3, 2.65 ERA, 16 saves)
Lance Cormier, Sr., Alabama (9-5, 2.30)
Andy Dickinson, Sr., Illinois (11-1, 3.51)
Jeremy Guthrie, Jr., Stanford (10-4, 2.72)
George Huguet, So., Miami (1-0, 2.08, 14 saves)
Kyle Johnson, Jr., St. Bonaventure (7-2, 1.88)
Shane Komine, Jr., Nebraska (14-2, 3.35)
John Maine, Sr., Charlotte (12-6, 3.82)
Steve Reba, Jr., Clemson (12-3, 2.58)
Michael Rogers, Sr., Oral Roberts (14-1, 2.37)
Bob Runyon, Sr., Fresno State (10-1, 3.54)
Ben Thurmond, Jr., Winthrop (9-1, 2.24)

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LOS ANGELES	4.25	3	5	46	1450.2	1387	744	685	184	72	524	37	1212	44	11	.252	.981	4352	1586	116	6054	138	9
FLORIDA	4.32	5	11	32	1438.0	1397	744	691	151	70	617	53	1119	40	3	.257	.983	4314	1667	103	6084	174	10
HOUSTON	4.37	7	6	48	1454.2	1453	769	707	221	70	486	22	1228	42	3	.261	.982	4364	1662	110	6136	138	4
SAN DIEGO	4.52	5	6	46	1440.2	1519	812	724	219	56	476	54	1088	46	5	.269	.976	4322	1607	145	6074	127	15
MILWAUKEE	4.64	3	8	28	1436.1	1452	806	740	197	72	667	107	1057	58	3	.265	.983	4309	1729	103	6141	156	11
MONTREAL	4.68	5	11	28	1431.1	1509	812	745	190	61	525	40	1103	55	4	.272	.982	4294	1621	108	6023	139	12
CINCINNATI	4.77	2	2	35	1442.2	1572	850	765	198	48	515	46	943	53	4	.279	.978	4328	1733	138	6199	136	21
PITTSBURGH	5.05	8	9	36	1416.1	1493	858	794	167	80	549	74	908	49	4	.272	.978	4249	1799	133	6181	168	9
COLORADO	5.29	8	8	26	1430.0	1522	906	841	239	64	598	71	1058	38	1	.275	.984	4290	1694	96	6080	167	14

Team Fielding

Team Batting

TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	CS	RBI	SH	SF	NB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	LOB	SHO	SLG	OBP
COLORADO	.292	162	5690	923	1663	2748	324	61	213	2	874	81	50	61	511	50	1027	132	54	116	1158	2	.483	.354
HOUSTON	.271	162	5528	847	1500	2495	313	29	208	7	805	71	56	89	581	52	1119	64	49	128	1151	3	.451	.347
ST. LOUIS	.270	162	5450	814	1469	2404	274	32	199	4	768	83	50	65	529	51	1089	91	35	125	1095	5	.441	.339
ARIZONA	.267	162	5595	818	1494	2472	284	35	208	9	776	71	36	57	587	73	1052	71	38	105	1183	7	.442	.341
SAN FRANCISCO	.266	162	5612	799	1493	2582	304	40	235	4	775	67	54	50	625	79	1090	57	42	108	1242	4	.460	.342
FLORIDA	.264	162	5542	742	1461	2344	325	30	166	6	713	60	45	67	470	43	1145	89	40	118	1117	9	.423	.326
CINCINNATI	.262	162	5583	735	1464	2340	304	22	176	4	690	66	40	65	468	47	1172	103	54	130	1115	9	.419	.324
CHICAGO	.261	162	5406	777	1409	2323	268	32	194	5	748	117	53	66	577	72	1077	67	36	132	1156	4	.430	.336
ATLANTA	.260	162	5498	729	1432	2265	263	24	174	5	696	64	52	45	493	51	1039	85	46	132	1095	8	.412	.324
PHILADELPHIA	.260	162	5497	746	1431	2276	295	29	164	3	708	67	61	43	551	52	1125	153	47	104	1157	5	.414	.329
LOS ANGELES	.255	162	5493	758	1399	2335	264	27	206	2	714	57	44	56	519	45	1062	89	42	115	1075	8	.425	.323
MONTREAL	.253	162	5379	670	1361	2130	320	28	131	1	622	64	45	60	478	59	1071	101	51	151	1024	15	.396	.319
SAN DIEGO	.252	162	5482	789	1379	2187	273	26	161	10	753	29	48	41	678	37	1273	129	44	121	1160	16	.399	.336
MILWAUKEE	.251	162	5488	740	1378	2338	273	30	209	7	712	65	35	72	488	44	1399	66	36	102	1067	15	.426	.319
NEW YORK	.249	162	5459	642	1361	2111	273	18	147	1	608	52	35	65	545	59	1062	66	48	124	1181	12	.387	.323
PITTSBURGH	.247	162	5398	657	1333	2122	256	25	161	3	618	60	35	67	467	51	1106	93	73	114	1058	11	.393	.313

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Doubleheaders

TEAM	VS. AL	VS. INSP	VS. RHSP	GRASS	ARTIF	DAY	NIGHT	1-RUN	X INN	W	L	S
ARIZONA	7-8	25-16	67-54	88-67	4-3	26-22	66-48	23-25	9-6	0	0	1
ATLANTA	9-9	18-9	70-65	75-64	13-10	29-17	59-57	19-23	8-8	1	0	0
CHICAGO	9-6	14-22	74-52	84-72	4-2	50-43	38-31	26-24	3-6	1	0	1
CINCINNATI	4-11	14-23	52-73	62-91	4-5	21-33	45-63	20-22	7-5	0	1	1
COLORADO	2-10	15-19	58-70	70-85	3-4	28-30	45-59	18-28	5-5	0	0	0
FLORIDA	12-6	15-23	61-63	67-70	9-16	23-20	53-66	19-29	5-11	0	1	1
HOUSTON	9-6	22-12	71-57	87-66	6-3	24-21	69-48	29-23	9-7	0	0	1
LOS ANGELES	6-9	25-18	61-58	85-71	1-5	22-23	64-53	29-29	7-6	0	0	0
MILWAUKEE	5-10	14-20	54-74	64-92	4-2	28-30	40-64	13-25	5-7	0	0	2
MONTREAL	5-10	21-25	47-69	29-40	39-54	24-23	44-71	13-15	5-4	0	0	1
NEW YORK	10-8	15-17	67-63	70-71	12-9	22-34	60-46	30-20	10-10	0	0	0
PHILADELPHIA	7-11	17-18	69-58	34-34	52-42	25-28	61-48	27-22	7-8	3	1	1
PITTSBURGH	8-7	12-20	50-80	61-92	1-8	18-29	44-71	22-20	4-4	0	2	1
SAN DIEGO	6-9	18-26	61-57	76-80	3-3	29-23	50-60	24-15	8-1	0	0	1
SAN FRANCISCO	10-5	21-13	69-59	87-69	3-3	30-26	60-46	28-22	6-9	0	0	0
ST. LOUIS	8-7	16-15	77-54	90-66	3-3	36-23	57-56	15-21	2-7	0	0	1

STATS

American League

Team Pitching

TEAM	ERA	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IB	SO	WP	BK	AVG	PCT	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
SEATTLE	3.54	8	14	56	1465.0	1293	627	576	160	64	465	28	1051	40	1	.236	.986	4395	1534	83	6012	137	6
OAKLAND	3.59	13	9	44	1463.1	1384	645	583	153	46	440	49	1117	42	3	.249	.980	4390	1756	125	6271	151	4
NEW YORK	4.02	7	9	57	1451.1	1429	713	649	158	55	465	29	1266	54	6	.257	.982	4354	1529	109	5992	132	21
BOSTON	4.15	3	9	48	1448.0	1412	745	667	146	93	544	50	1259	54	7	.254	.981	4344	1558	113	6015	129	23
ANAHEIM	4.20	6	1	43	1437.2	1452	730	671	168	64	525	47	947	46	2	.263	.983	4313	1690	103	6106	142	16
TORONTO	4.28	7	10	41	1462.2	1553	753	696	165	76	490	60	1041	33	8	.275	.985	4388	1831	97	6316	184	10
MINNESOTA	4.51	12	8	45	1441.1	1494	766	722	192	56	445	16	965	58	2	.268	.982	4324	1542	108	5974	118	4
CHICAGO	4.55	8	7	51	1433.1	1465	795	725	181	88	500	38	921	57	5	.266	.981	4300	1731	118	6149	149	13
CLEVELAND	4.64	3	4	42	1446.2	1512	821	746	148	49	573	44	1218	58	11	.270	.982	4340	1610	107	6057	137	12
BALTIMORE	4.67	10	6	31	1432.1	1504	829	744	194	74	528	28	938	37	5	.269	.979	4297	1599	125	6021	137	15
KANSAS CITY	4.87	5	1	30	1440.0	1537	858	779	209	61	576	26	911	73	2	.276	.981	4320	1801	117	6238	204	10
TAMPA BAY	4.94	1	6	30	1423.2	1513	887	781	207	75	569	21	1030	75	7	.273	.977	4271	1531	139	5941	144	8
DETROIT	5.01	16	2	34	1429.1	1624	876	795	180	73	553	56	859	40	4	.289	.979	4288	1775	131	6194	164	30
TEXAS	5.71	4	3	37	1438.1	1670	968	913	222	63	596	33	951	70	9	.293	.981	4315	1638	114	6067	167	2

Team Fielding

Team Batting

TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	GS	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	LOB	SHO	SLG	OBP
SEATTLE	.288	162	5680	927	1637	2530	310	38	169	3	881	48	70	62	614	54	989	174	42	112	1257	4	.445	.360
CLEVELAND	.278	162	5600	897	1559	2563	294	37	212	3	868	49	62	69	577	32	1076	79	41	126	1136	7	.458	.350
TEXAS	.275	162	5685	890	1566	2676	326	23	246	6	844	25	55	75	548	27	1093	97	32	131	1161	1	.471	.344
MINNESOTA	.272	162	5560	771	1514	2410	328	38	164	4	717	25	38	64	495	42	1083	146	67	124	1102	5	.433	.337
CHICAGO	.268	162	5464	798	1463	2463	300	29	214	4	770	63	51	52	520	31	998	123	59	128	1054	4	.451	.334
NEW YORK	.267	161	5577	804	1488	2426	289	20	203	6	774	30	43	64	519	38	1035	161	53	119	1123	5	.435	.334
BOSTON	.266	161	5605	772	1493	2461	316	29	198	9	739	28	41	70	520	50	1131	46	35	132	1161	6	.439	.334
KANSAS CITY	.266	162	5643	729	1503	2310	277	37	152	3	691	36	47	44	406	31	898	100	42	134	1086	6	.409	.318
OAKLAND	.264	162	5573	884	1469	2444	334	22	199	6	835	25	59	88	640	57	1021	68	29	131	1171	3	.439	.345
TORONTO	.263	162	5663	767	1489	2433	287	36	195	6	728	34	43	74	470	47	1094	156	55	111	1124	9	.430	.325
ANAHEIM	.261	162	5551	691	1447	2248	275	26	158	1	662	46	53	77	494	34	1001	116	52	109	1203	12	.405	.327
DETROIT	.260	162	5537	724	1439	2267	291	60	139	3	691	41	49	51	466	26	972	133	61	120	1093	6	.409	.320
TAMPA BAY	.258	162	5524	672	1426	2142	311	21	121	4	645	45	25	54	456	24	1116	115	52	130	1104	12	.388	.320
BALTIMORE	.248	162	5472	687	1359	2077	262	24	136	3	663	38	49	77	514	26	989	133	53	121	1106	14	.380	.319

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Doubleheaders

TEAM	VS. NL	VS. LHSP	VS. RHSP	GRASS	ARTIF	DAY	NIGHT	1-RUN	X INN	W	L	S
ANAHEIM	10-8	22-27	53-60	68-82	7-5	20-24	55-63	24-24	7-8	0	0	0
BALTIMORE	6-12	13-27	50-71	52-84	11-14	17-30	46-68	16-27	5-6	0	1	0
BOSTON	10-8	15-23	67-56	64-72	18-7	24-21	58-58	19-23	6-8	0	0	0
CHICAGO	12-6	17-18	66-61	78-69	5-10	26-23	57-56	22-22	7-4	1	0	0
CLEVELAND	7-11	20-20	71-51	80-65	11-6	23-25	68-46	25-18	9-6	0	1	0
DETROIT	10-8	19-27	47-69	62-85	4-11	19-36	47-60	14-21	3-7	0	1	1
KANSAS CITY	8-10	14-34	51-63	59-86	6-11	19-30	46-67	11-24	6-7	0	0	1
MINNESOTA	9-9	18-21	67-56	37-37	48-40	27-27	58-50	25-19	8-7	0	0	1
NEW YORK	10-8	19-17	76-48	81-54	14-11	38-22	57-43	30-18	8-8	0	0	0
OAKLAND	12-6	34-22	68-38	93-54	9-6	36-25	66-35	24-19	7-7	0	0	1
SEATTLE	12-6	31-14	85-32	106-44	10-2	37-13	79-33	26-12	9-4	0	0	0
TAMPA BAY	10-8	13-23	49-77	18-48	44-52	24-36	38-64	17-19	5-5	0	0	0
TEXAS	8-10	13-28	60-61	66-81	7-8	18-19	55-70	19-22	5-8	1	0	0
TORONTO	8-10	16-20	64-62	29-31	51-51	25-32	55-50	28-21	10-6	1	0	0

N.L. PITCHING

TOP 15 QUALIFIERS FOR ERA LEADERSHIP

PITCHER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	HR	BB	SO
Johnson, R	ARI	21	6	2.49	35	34	3	0	249.2	181	74	19	71	372
Schilling, C	ARI	22	6	2.98	35	35	6	0	256.2	237	86	37	39	293
Burkett, J	ATL	12	12	3.04	34	34	1	0	219.1	187	83	17	70	187
Maddux, G	ATL	17	11	3.05	34	34	3	0	233.0	220	86	20	27	173
Kile, D	STL	16	11	3.09	34	34	2	0	227.1	228	83	22	65	179
Morris, M	STL	22	8	3.16	34	34	2	0	216.1	218	86	13	54	185
Ortiz, R	SF	17	9	3.29	33	33	1	0	218.2	187	90	13	91	169
Leiter, A	NYM	11	11	3.31	29	29	0	0	187.1	178	81	18	46	142
Wood, K	CHI	12	6	3.36	28	28	1	0	174.1	127	70	16	92	217
Miller, W	HOU	16	8	3.40	32	32	1	0	212.0	183	91	31	76	183
Vazquez, J	MON	16	11	3.42	32	32	5	0	223.2	197	92	24	44	208
Park, C	LA	15	11	3.50	36	35	2	0	234.0	183	98	23	91	218
Glavine, T	ATL	16	7	3.57	35	35	1	0	219.1	213	92	24	97	116
Appier, K	NYM	11	10	3.57	33	33	1	0	206.2	181	89	22	64	172
Penny, B	FLA	10	10	3.69	31	31	1	0	205.0	183	92	15	54	154

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Acevedo, J	CIN	5	7	5.44	18	18	0	0	96.0	101	61	17	34	68
Adams, T	LA	12	8	4.33	43	22	0	0	166.1	172	84	9	54	141
Alfonseca, A	FLA	4	4	3.06	58	0	0	28	61.2	68	24	6	15	40
Anderson, B	ARI	4	9	5.20	29	22	1	0	133.1	156	93	25	30	55
Anderson, J	PIT	9	17	5.10	34	34	1	0	206.1	232	123	15	83	89
Armas, T	MON	9	14	4.03	34	34	0	0	196.2	180	101	18	91	176
Arroyo, B	PIT	5	7	5.09	24	13	1	0	88.1	99	54	12	34	39
Astacio, P	COL-HOU	8	14	5.09	26	26	4	0	169.2	181	101	22	54	144
Baldwin, J	LA	3	6	4.20	12	12	0	0	79.1	82	39	10	25	53
Batista, M	ARI	11	8	3.36	48	18	0	0	139.1	113	57	13	60	90
Beimel, J	PIT	7	11	5.23	42	15	0	0	115.1	131	72	12	49	58
Benes, A	STL	7	7	7.38	27	19	0	0	107.1	122	92	30	61	78
Benitez, A	NYM	6	4	3.77	73	0	0	43	76.1	59	32	12	40	93
Bere, J	CHC	11	11	4.31	32	32	2	0	188.0	171	99	24	77	175
Bohanon, B	COL	5	8	7.14	20	19	0	0	97.0	127	79	20	47	47
Bones, R	FLA	4	4	5.06	61	0	0	0	64.0	71	39	7	33	41
Bottalico, R	PHI	3	4	3.90	66	0	0	3	67.0	58	31	11	25	57
Brower, J	CIN	7	10	3.97	46	10	0	1	129.1	119	65	17	60	94
Brown, K	LA	10	4	2.65	20	19	1	0	115.2	94	41	8	38	104
Burnett, A	FLA	11	12	4.05	27	27	2	0	173.1	145	82	20	83	128
Cabrera, J	ATL	7	4	2.88	55	0	0	2	59.1	52	24	5	25	43
Carrara, G	LA	6	1	3.16	47	3	0	0	85.1	73	30	12	24	70
Chacon, S	COL	6	10	5.06	27	27	0	0	160.0	157	96	26	87	134
Chen, B	PHI	4	5	5.00	16	16	0	0	86.1	90	53	19	31	79
Chen, B	NYM	3	2	4.68	11	11	0	0	59.2	56	37	10	28	47
Clement, M	FLA	9	10	5.05	31	31	0	0	169.1	172	102	15	85	134
Coggins, D	PHI	6	7	4.17	17	17	0	0	95.0	99	46	7	39	62
Cruz, N	HOU	3	3	4.15	66	0	0	2	82.1	72	41	11	24	75
Daal, O	PHI	13	7	4.46	32	32	0	0	185.2	199	100	26	56	107
Davis, K	COL	2	4	4.35	57	0	0	0	68.1	66	36	11	32	47
Davis, L	CIN	8	4	4.74	20	20	1	0	106.1	124	60	12	34	53
DeJean, M	MIL	4	2	2.77	75	0	0	2	84.1	75	31	4	39	68
Dempster, R	FLA	15	12	4.94	34	34	2	0	211.1	218	123	21	112	171
Dessens, E	CIN	10	14	4.48	34	34	1	0	205.0	221	103	32	56	128
Dotel, O	HOU	7	5	2.66	61	4	0	2	105.0	79	35	5	47	145
Dreifort, D	LA	4	7	5.13	16	16	0	0	94.2	89	62	11	47	91
Duckworth, B	PHI	3	2	3.52	11	11	0	0	69.0	57	29	2	29	40
Eaton, A	SD	8	5	4.32	17	17	2	0	116.2	108	61	20	40	109
Elarton, S	HOU	4	8	7.14	20	20	0	0	109.2	126	88	26	49	76
Ellis, R	ARI	6	5	5.77	19	17	0	0	92.0	106	61	12	34	41
Estes, S	SF	9	8	4.02	27	27	0	0	159.0	151	78	11	77	109
Farnsworth, K	CHC	4	6	2.74	76	0	0	2	82.0	65	26	8	29	107
Fassero, J	CHC	4	4	4.42	82	0	0	12	73.2	66	31	6	23	79
Fernandez, O	CIN	5	6	6.92	20	14	0	0	79.1	103	62	8	33	35
Figueroa, N	PHI	4	5	3.94	19	13	0	0	89.0	95	40	8	37	61
Fox, C	MIL	5	2	1.89	65	0	0	2	66.2	44	16	6	36	80
Fultz, A	SF	3	1	4.56	66	0	0	1	71.0	70	40	9	21	67
Gagne, E	LA	6	7	4.75	33	24	0	0	151.2	144	90	24	46	130
Gardner, M	SF	5	5	5.40	23	15	0	0	91.2	93	57	17	34	53
Graves, D	CIN	6	5	4.15	66	0	0	32	80.1	83	41	7	18	49
Hampton, M	COL	14	13	5.41	32	32	2	0	203.0	236	138	31	85	122
Haynes, J	MIL	8	17	4.85	31	29	0	0	172.2	182	98	20	78	112
Herges, M	LA	9	8	3.44	75	0	0	1	99.1	97	39	8	46	76
Hermanson, D	STL	14	13	4.45	33	33	0	0	192.1	195	106	34	73	123

PITCHER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	HR	BB	SO
Hernandez, L	SF	13	15	5.24	34	34	2	0	226.2	266	143	24	85	138
Hoffman, T	SD	3	4	3.43	62	0	0	43	60.1	48	25	10	21	63
Jackson, M	HOU	5	3	4.70	67	0	0	4	69.0	68	36	14	22	46
Jarvis, K	SD	12	11	4.79	32	32	1	0	193.1	189	107	37	49	133
Jones, B	SD	8	19	5.12	33	33	1	0	195.0	250	137	37	38	113
Kim, B	ARI	5	6	2.94	78	0	0	19	98.0	58	32	10	44	113
Kline, S	STL	3	3	1.80	89	0	0	9	75.0	53	16	3	29	54
Lawrence, B	SD	5	5	3.45	27	15	1	0	114.2	107	53	10	34	84
Leskanic, C	MIL	2	6	3.63	70	0	0	17	69.1	63	30	11	31	64
Levrault, A	MIL	6	10	6.06	32	20	1	0	130.2	146	93	27	59	80
Lieber, J	CHC	20	6	3.80	34	34	5	0	232.1	226	104	25	41	148
Ligtenberg, K	ATL	3	3	3.02	53	0	0	1	59.2	50	22	4	30	56
Lloyd, G	MON	9	5	4.35	84	0	0	1	70.1	74	38	6	21	44
Looper, B	FLA	3	3	3.55	71	0	0	3	71.0	63	28	8	30	52
Lopez, A	ARI	4	7	4.00	13	13	2	0	81.0	74	36	10	24	69
Manzanillo, J	PIT	3	2	3.39	71	0	0	2	79.2	60	32	4	26	80
Marquis, J	ATL	5	6	3.48	38	16	0	0	129.1	113	62	14	59	98
Matthews, M	STL	3	4	3.24	51	10	0	1	89.0	74	32	11	33	72
McKnight, T	HOU-PIT	3	6	4.95	15	15	0	0	87.1	109	52	19	24	46
Mesa, J	PHI	3	3	2.34	71	0	0	42	69.1	65	26	4	20	59
Millwood, K	ATL	7	7	4.31	21	21	0	0	121.0	121	66	20	40	84
Mlicki, D	HOU	7	3	5.09	19	14	0	0	86.2	85	53	18	33	49
Neagle, D	COL	9	8	5.38	30	30	0	0	170.2	192	107	29	60	139
Nen, R	SF	4	5	3.01	79	0	0	45	77.2	58	28	6	22	93
Nunez, V	FLA	4	5	2.74	52	3	0	0	92.0	79	33	9	30	64
Olivares, O	PIT	6	9	6.55	45	12	1	1	110.0	123	87	17	42	69
Oswalt, R	HOU	14	3	2.73	28	20	3	0	141.2	126	48	13	24	144
Perez, O	ATL	7	8	4.91	24	16	0	0	95.1	108	55	7	39	71
Person, R	PHI	15	7	4.19	33	33	3	0	208.1	179	103	34	80	183
Prokopec, L	LA	8	7	4.88	29	22	0	0	138.1	146	80	27	40	91
Reames, B	MON	4	8	5.59	41	13	0	0	95.0	101	68	16	48	86
Reed, R	NYM	8	6	3.48	20	20	3	0	134.2	119	53	16	17	99
Reitsma, C	CIN	7	15	5.29	36	29	0	0	182.0	209	121	23	49	96
Remlinger, M	ATL	3	3	2.76	75	0	0	1	75.0	67	25	9	23	93
Reynolds, S	HOU	14	11	4.34	28	28	3	0	182.2	208	95	24	36	102
Ritchie, T	PIT	11	15	4.47	33	33	4	0	207.1	211	118	23	52	124
Rodriguez, F	SF	9	1	1.68	80	0	0	0	80.1	53	16	5	27	91
Rogdon, P	MIL	3	5	5.79	15	15	0	0	79.1	86	52	13	46	49
Rueter, K	SF	14	12	4.42	34	34	0	0	195.1	213	105	25	66	83
Rusch, G	NYM	8	12	4.63	33	33	1	0	179.0	216	101	23	43	156
Sanchez, J	FLA	2	4	4.74	16	9	0	0	62.2	61	33	7	31	46
Santiago, J	PHI	2	4	3.61	53	0	0	0	62.1	66	25	3	13	28
Sauerbeck, S	PIT	2	2	5.60	70	0	0	2	62.2	61	41	4	40	79
Schmidt, J	PIT-SF	13	7	4.07	25	25	1	0	150.1	138	77	13	61	142
Shaw, J	LA	3	5	3.62	77	0	0	43	74.2	63	32	10	18	58
Sheets, B	MIL	11	10	4.76	25	25	1	0	151.1	166	89	23	48	94
Smith, B	STL	6	3	3.83	16	14	1	0	84.2	79	40	12	24	59
Smith, C	FLA	5	5	4.70	15	15	0	0	88.0	89	47	10	35	71
Steutschulte	STL	1	5	3.86	67	0	0	6	70.0	71	35	10	30	51
Strickland, S	MON	2	6	3.21	77	0	0	9	81.1	67	36	9	41	85
Sullivan, S	CIN	7	1	3.31	79	0	0	0	103.1	94	44	10	36	82
Tapani, K	CHC	9	14	4.49	29	29	0	0	168.1	186	93	24	40	149
Tavarez, J	CHC	10	9	4.52	34	28	0	0	161.1	172	98	13	69	107
Telemaco, A	PHI	5	5	5.54	24	14	1	0	89.1	93	59	15	32	59
Thomson, J	COL	4	5	4.04	14	14	1	0	93.2	84	46	15	25	68
Thurman, M	MON	9	11	5.33	28	26	0	0	147.0	172	90	21	50	96
Timlin, M	STL	4	5	4.09	67	0	0	3	72.2	78	35	6	19	47
Tollber, B	SD	10	4	4.30	19	19	0	0	117.1	133	58	15	25	71
Trachsel, S	NYM	11	13	4.46	28	28	1	0	173.2	168	90	28	47	144
Wof, R	CHC	4	1	2.52	59	0	0	0	75.0	63	22	9	38	90
Veres, D	STL	3	2	3.70	71	0	0	15	65.2	57	29	12	28	61
Villone, R	HOU	5	7	5.56	31	6	0	0	68.0	77	46	12	24	65
Wagner, B	HOU	2	5	2.73	64	0	0	39	62.2	44	19	5	20	79
White, G	COL	1	7	6.25	69	0	0	0	67.2	70	47	18	26	47
White, R	NYM	4	5	3.88	55	0	0	2	69.2	71	38	7	17	51
Williams, D	PIT	3	7	3.71	22	18	0	0	114.0	100	53	15	45	57
Williams, W	SD	8	8	4.97	23	23	0	0	145.0	170	88	28	37	102
Williams, W	STL	7	1	2.28	11	11	3	0	75.0	54	22	7	19	52
Wof, R	PHI	10	11	3.70	28	25	4	0	163.0	150	74	15	51	152
Worrell, T	SF	2	5	3.45	73	0	0	0	78.1	71	33	4	33	63
Wright, J	MIL	11	12	4.90	33	33	1	0	194.2	201	115	26	98	129
Yoshii, M	MON	4	7	4.78	42	11	0	0	113.0	127	65	18	26	65

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TOP 15 QUALIFIERS FOR ERA LEADERSHIP

PITCHER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	HR	BB	SO
Garcia, F	SEA	18	6	3.05	34	34	4	0	238.2	199	88	16	69	163
Mussina, M	NYN	17	11	3.15	34	34	4	0	228.2	202	87	20	42	214
Mays, J	MIN	17	13	3.16	34	34	4	0	233.2	205	87	25	64	123
Buehrle, M	CWS	16	8	3.29	32	32	4	0	221.1	188	89	24	48	126
Hudson, T	OAK	18	9	3.37	35	35	3	0	235.0	216	100	20	71	181
Moyer, J	SEA	20	6	3.43	33	33	1	0	209.2	187	84	24	44	119
Mulder, M	OAK	21	8	3.45	34	34	6	0	229.1	214	92	16	51	153
Zito, B	OAK	17	8	3.49	35	35	3	0	214.1	184	92	18	80	205
Clemens, R	NYN	20	3	3.51	33	33	0	0	220.1	205	94	19	72	213
Lidle, C	OAK	13	6	3.59	29	29	1	0	188.0	170	84	23	47	118
Sele, A	SEA	15	5	3.60	34	33	2	0	215.0	216	93	25	51	114
Sparks, S	DET	14	9	3.65	35	33	8	0	232.0	244	110	22	64	116
Washburn, J	ANA	11	10	3.77	30	30	1	0	193.1	196	89	25	54	126
Wakefield, T	BOS	9	12	3.90	45	17	0	3	168.2	156	84	13	73	148
Radke, B	MIN	15	11	3.94	33	33	6	0	226.0	235	105	24	26	137

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Abbott, P	SEA	17	4	4.25	28	27	1	0	163.0	145	79	21	87	118
Anderson, M	DET	3	1	4.82	62	0	0	22	56.0	56	33	2	18	52
Arrojo, R	BOS	5	4	3.48	41	9	0	5	103.1	88	44	8	35	78
Bailey, C	KC	1	1	3.48	53	0	0	0	67.1	57	28	3	33	61
Baldwin, J	CWS	7	5	4.61	17	16	2	0	95.2	109	56	15	38	42
Beck, R	BOS	6	4	3.90	68	0	0	6	80.2	77	42	15	28	63
Bell, R	TEX	5	5	7.18	18	18	0	0	105.1	130	87	23	47	64
Biddle, R	CWS	7	8	5.39	30	21	0	0	128.2	137	87	16	52	85
Bierbrodt, N	TB	3	4	4.55	11	11	0	0	61.1	71	38	11	27	56
Burba, D	CLE	10	10	6.21	32	27	1	0	150.2	188	112	16	54	118
Byrd, P	KC	6	6	4.05	16	15	1	0	93.1	110	45	11	22	49
Carpenter, C	TOR	11	11	4.09	34	34	3	0	215.2	229	112	29	75	157
Carrasco, H	MIN	4	3	4.64	56	0	0	1	73.2	77	40	8	30	70
Castillo, F	BOS	10	9	4.21	26	26	0	0	136.2	138	72	14	35	89
Colon, B	CLE	14	12	4.09	34	34	1	0	222.1	220	106	26	90	201
Cone, D	BOS	9	7	4.31	25	25	0	0	135.2	148	74	17	57	115
Creek, D	TB	2	5	4.31	66	0	0	0	62.2	51	34	7	49	66
Cressend, J	MIN	3	2	3.67	44	0	0	0	56.1	50	24	6	16	40
Davis, D	TEX	11	10	4.45	30	30	1	0	186.0	220	103	14	69	115
Durbin, C	KC	9	16	4.93	29	29	2	0	179.0	201	109	26	58	95
Escobar, K	TOR	6	8	3.50	59	11	1	0	126.0	93	51	8	52	121
File, B	TOR	5	3	3.27	60	0	0	0	74.1	57	28	6	29	38
Finley, C	CLE	8	7	5.54	22	22	1	0	113.2	131	78	14	35	96
Foulke, K	CWS	4	9	2.33	72	0	0	42	81.0	57	21	3	22	75
Franklin, R	SEA	5	1	3.56	38	0	0	0	78.1	76	32	13	24	60
Garces, R	BOS	6	1	3.90	62	0	0	1	67.0	55	32	6	25	51
Garland, J	CWS	6	7	3.69	35	16	0	1	117.0	123	59	16	55	61
George, C	KC	4	8	5.59	13	13	1	0	74.0	83	48	14	18	32
Glover, G	CWS	5	5	4.93	46	11	0	0	100.1	98	61	16	32	63
Grimsley, J	KC	1	5	3.02	73	0	0	0	80.1	71	32	8	28	61
Groom, B	BAL	1	4	3.55	70	0	0	11	66.0	64	28	4	9	54
Guardado, E	MIN	7	1	3.51	67	0	0	12	66.2	47	27	5	23	67
Halama, J	SEA	10	7	4.73	31	17	0	0	110.1	132	69	18	26	50
Halladay, R	TOR	5	3	3.16	17	16	1	0	105.1	97	41	3	25	96
Hamilton, J	TOR	5	8	5.89	22	22	0	0	122.1	170	88	17	38	82
Hasegawa, S	ANA	5	6	4.04	46	0	0	0	55.2	52	28	5	20	41
Helling, R	TEX	12	11	5.17	34	34	2	0	215.2	256	134	38	63	154
Henry, D	KC	2	2	6.07	53	0	0	0	75.2	75	53	14	45	57
Hentgen, P	BAL	2	3	3.47	9	9	1	0	62.1	51	25	7	19	33
Heredia, G	OAK	7	8	5.58	24	18	0	0	109.2	144	75	27	29	48
Hernandez, O	NYN	4	7	4.85	17	16	0	0	94.2	90	51	19	42	77
Hernandez, R	KC	5	6	4.12	63	0	0	28	67.2	69	34	7	26	46
Hiljens, E	OAK	5	0	3.41	16	11	0	0	66.0	70	29	7	21	67
Holt, C	DET	7	9	5.77	30	22	1	0	151.1	197	102	18	57	80
Howry, B	CWS	4	5	4.69	69	0	0	5	78.2	85	41	11	30	64
Isringhausen, J	OAK	4	3	2.65	65	0	0	34	71.1	54	24	5	23	74
Johnson, J	BAL	10	12	4.09	32	32	2	0	196.0	194	109	28	77	114
Kennedy, J	TB	7	8	4.44	20	20	0	0	117.2	122	63	16	34	78
Koch, B	TOR	2	5	4.80	69	0	0	36	69.1	69	39	7	33	55
Levine, A	ANA	8	10	2.38	64	1	0	2	75.2	71	25	7	28	40
Lilly, T	NYN	5	6	5.37	26	21	0	0	120.2	126	81	20	51	112
Lima, J	DET	5	10	4.71	18	18	2	0	112.2	120	66	23	22	43
Loaiza, E	TOR	11	11	5.02	36	30	1	0	190.0	239	113	27	40	110
Lohse, K	MIN	4	7	5.68	19	16	0	0	90.1	102	60	16	29	64

PITCHER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	HR	BB	SO
Lopez, A	TB	5	12	5.34	20	20	1	0	124.2	152	87	16	51	67
Lowe, D	BOS	5	10	3.53	67	3	0	24	91.2	103	39	7	29	82
Lowe, S	CWS	9	4	3.61	45	11	0	3	127.0	123	55	12	32	71
Lyon, B	TOR	5	4	4.29	11	11	0	0	63.0	63	31	6	15	35
Maduro, C	BAL	5	6	4.23	22	12	0	0	93.2	83	44	10	36	51
Magnante, M	OAK	3	1	2.77	65	0	0	0	55.1	50	23	7	13	23
Mahomes, P	TEX	7	6	5.70	56	4	0	0	107.1	115	71	17	55	61
Martinez, P	BOS	7	3	2.39	18	18	1	0	116.2	84	33	5	25	163
Mecir, J	OAK	2	8	3.43	54	0	0	3	63.0	54	25	4	26	61
Mendoza, R	NYN	8	4	3.75	56	2	0	0	100.2	89	44	9	23	70
Mercedes, J	BAL	8	17	5.82	33	31	2	0	184.0	219	125	20	63	123
Michalak, C	TOR-TEX	8	9	4.41	35	18	0	1	136.2	157	74	19	55	67
Milton, E	MIN	15	7	4.32	35	34	2	0	220.2	222	109	35	61	157
Milicki, D	DET	4	8	7.33	15	15	0	0	81.0	118	69	19	41	48
Murray, H	DET	1	7	6.54	40	4	0	0	63.1	82	48	11	40	42
Myette, A	TEX	4	5	7.14	19	15	0	0	80.2	94	65	12	37	67
Nagy, C	CLE	5	6	6.40	15	13	0	0	70.1	102	53	10	20	29
Nelson, J	SEA	4	3	2.76	69	0	0	4	65.1	30	21	3	44	88
Nomo, H	BOS	13	10	4.50	33	33	2	0	198.0	171	105	26	96	220
Oliver, D	TEX	11	11	6.02	28	28	1	0	154.0	189	109	23	65	104
Ortiz, R	ANA	13	11	4.36	32	32	2	0	208.2	223	114	25	76	135
Paniagua, J	SEA	4	3	4.36	60	0	0	3	66.0	59	35	7	38	46
Parris, S	TOR	4	6	4.60	19	19	1	0	105.2	126	60	18	41	49
Patterson, D	DET	5	4	3.06	60	0	0	1	64.2	64	24	4	12	27
Percival, T	ANA	4	2	2.65	57	0	0	39	57.2	39	19	3	18	71
Petkovsek, M	TEX	1	2	6.69	55	0	0	0	76.2	103	61	14	28	42
Pettitte, A	NYN	15	10	3.99	31	31	2	0	200.2	224	103	14	41	164
Pettyjohn, A	DET	1	6	5.82	16	9	0	0	65.0	81	48	10	21	40
Phelps, T	TB	2	2	3.48	49	0	0	5	62.0	53	30	6	24	54
Pineiro, J	SEA	6	2	2.03	17	11	0	0	75.1	50	24	2	21	56
Ponson, S	BAL	5	10	4.94	23	23	3	0	138.1	161	83	21	37	84
Pote, L	ANA	2	0	4.15	44	1	0	2	86.2	88	41	11	32	66
Quattrill, P	TOR	11	2	3.04	80	0	0	2	83.0	86	29	6	12	58
Rapp, P	ANA	5	12	4.76	31	28	1	0	170.0	169	96	20	71	82
Reed, R	MIN	4	6	5.19	12	12	0	0	67.2	92	45	12	14	43
Reichert, D	KC	8	8	5.63	27	19	0	0	123.0	131	83	14	67	77
Rekar, B	TB	3	13	5.89	25	25	0	0	140.2	167	104	21	45	87
Rhodes, A	SEA	8	0	1.72	71	0	0	3	68.0	46	14	5	12	83
Rincon, R	CLE	2	1	2.83	67	0	0	2	54.0	44	18	3	21	50
Rivera, M	NYN	4	6	2.34	71	0	0	50	80.2	61	24	5	12	83
Roberts, W	BAL	9	10	4.91	46	18	1	6	132.0	142	75	15	55	95
Rogers, K	TEX	5	7	6.19	20	20	0	0	120.2	150	88	18	49	74
Romero, J	MIN	1	4	6.23	14	11	0	0	65.0	71	48	10	24	39
Rupe, R	TB	5	12	6.59	28	26	0	0	143.1	161	111	30	48	123
Sabatiah, C	CLE	17	5	4.39	33	33	0	0	180.1	149	93	19	95	171
Santos, V	DET	2	2	3.30	33	7	0	0	76.1	62	33	9	49	52
Sasaki, K	SEA	0	4	3.24	69	0	0	45	66.2	48	24	6	11	62
Schoeneweis	ANA	10	11	5.08	32	32	1	0	205.1	227	122	21	77	104
Shuey, P	CLE	5	3	2.82	47	0	0	2	54.1	53	25	1	26	70
Stanton, M	NYN	9	4	2.58	76	0	0	0	80.1	80	25	4	29	78
Stein, B	KC	7	8	4.74	36	15	0	1	131.0	112	73	20	79	113
Sturtze, T	TB	11	12	4.42	39	27	0	1	195.1	200	98	23	79	110
Suppan, J	KC	10	14	4.37	34	34	1	0	218.1	227	120	26	74	120
Suzuki, M	KC	2	5	5.30	15	9	0	0	56.0	61	38	12	25	37
Tam, J	OAK	2	4	3.01	70	0	0	3	74.2	68	27	3	29	44
Towers, J	BAL	8	10	4.49	24	20	1	0	140.1	165	74	21	16	58
Trombley, M	BAL	3	4	3.46	50	0	0	6	54.2	38	23	4	27	45
Valdes, I	ANA	9	13	4.45	27	27	1	0	163.2	177	821	20	50	100
Venafro, M	TEX	5	5	4.8	70	0	0	4	60.0	54	35	2	28	29
Weaver, J	DET	13	16	4.08	33	33	5	0	229.1	235	116	19	68	152
Weber, B	ANA	6	2	3.42	56	0	0	0	68.1	66	28	4	31	40
Wells, B	MIN	8	5	5.11	65	0	0	2	68.2	70	39	12	18	49
Wells, D	CWS	5	7	4.47	16	16	1	0	100.2	120	55	12	21	59
Wells, K	CWS	10	11	4.79	40	20	0	0	133.1	145	80	14	61	99
Westbrook, J	CLE	4	4	5.85	23	6	0	0	64.2	79	43	6	22	48
Wickman, B	CLE	5	0	2.39	70	0	0	32	67.2	61	18	4	14	66
Wilson, K	KC	6	5	5.19	29	15	0	0	109.1	132	78	26	32	67
Wilson, P	TB	8	9	4.88	37	24	0	0	151.1	165	94	21	52	119
Woodard, S	CLE	3	3	5.20	29	10	0	0	97.0	129	59	10	17	52
Wright, D	CWS	5	3	5.70	13	12	0	0	66.1	78	45	12	39	36
Yan, E	TB	4	6	3.90	54	0	0	2	62.1	64	34	7	11	64
Zimmerman, J	TEX	4	4	2.40	66	0	0	28	71.1	48	19	10	16	72

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OUTFIELDERS / 139 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Abreu, B	PHI	.976	162	308	11	8	327	4
Alou, M	HOU	.991	130	205	10	2	217	3
Benard, M	SF	.965	109	213	5	8	226	2
Bergeron, P	MON	.996	101	220	6	1	227	1
Berkman, L	HOU	.981	155	306	6	6	318	1
Bonds, B	SF	.977	143	246	8	6	260	1
Bradley, M	MON	.988	65	155	5	2	162	1
Burnitz, J	MIL	.981	153	295	13	6	314	4
Burrell, P	PHI	.972	146	226	18	7	251	2
Darr, M	SD	.990	93	183	6	2	191	2
Drew, J	STL	.973	107	209	7	6	222	1
Dunn, A	CIN	.986	63	136	3	2	141	1
Edmonds, J	STL	.982	147	311	12	6	329	1
Finley, S	ARI	.993	131	300	6	2	308	3
Floyd, C	FLA	.972	142	269	8	8	285	2
Giles, B	PIT	.969	159	307	7	10	324	2
Glanville, D	PHI	.991	150	413	8	4	425	3
Gonzalez, L	ARI	1.000	161	280	8	0	288	1
Goodwin, T	LA	.994	78	153	1	1	155	0
Green, S	LA	.982	159	312	8	6	326	0
Griffey, K	CIN	.985	90	195	1	3	199	0
Grisson, M	LA	1.000	123	227	6	0	235	2
Guerrero, V	MON	.965	159	320	14	12	346	5
Henderson, R	SD	.982	104	156	5	3	166	2
Hidalgo, R	HOU	.991	144	332	11	3	346	4
Jenkins, G	MIL	.986	104	210	8	3	221	2
Jones, A	ATL	.987	161	461	10	6	477	6
Jordan, B	ATL	.991	145	321	11	3	335	2
Kotsay, M	SD	.986	111	277	4	4	285	1
Lankford, R	STL-SD	.971	123	198	6	6	210	1
Matthews, G	CHC-PIT	.974	144	259	4	7	270	0
Millar, K	FLA	.986	86	144	2	2	148	0
Murray, C	SF	.979	104	232	4	5	241	1
Ochoa, A	CIN-COL	.989	137	266	12	3	281	5
Owens, E	FLA	.984	106	180	6	3	189	1
Payton, J	NYM	.984	103	237	6	4	247	1
Pierre, J	COL	.978	154	362	3	8	373	1
Pujols, A	STL	.964	78	128	6	5	139	0
Rios, A	SF-PIT	.971	89	196	7	6	209	2
Rivera, R	CIN	.983	99	171	4	3	178	2
Sanders, R	ARI	.996	119	231	5	1	237	3
Sheffield, G	LA	.972	141	195	17	6	218	0
Shinjo, T	NYM	.989	119	256	12	3	271	3
Sosa, S	CHC	.982	160	326	8	6	340	1
Surhoff, B	ATL	.986	129	200	8	3	211	0
Trammell, B	SD	.985	132	261	5	4	270	0
Walker, L	COL	.984	129	243	8	4	255	4
White, D	MIL	1.000	100	190	3	0	193	1
Wilson, P	FLA	.993	121	287	12	2	301	4
Young, D	CIN	.957	87	146	8	7	161	1

CATCHERS / 515 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Ausmus, B	HOU	.997	127	948	62	3	1013	9	1
Barrett, M	MON	.993	131	880	50	7	937	6	8
Blanco, H	MIL	.992	102	645	68	6	719	9	6
Davis, B	SD	.990	135	845	60	9	914	14	8
Estrada, J	PHI	.993	89	543	30	4	577	4	3
Girardi, J	CHC	1.000	71	504	33	0	537	2	6
Hundley, T	CHC	.993	70	547	25	4	576	3	6
Johnson, C	FLA	.996	125	846	62	4	912	15	8
Kendall, J	PIT	.985	133	739	52	12	803	8	7
Kreuter, C	LA	1.000	70	486	29	0	515	4	5
LaRue, J	CIN	.991	107	569	75	6	650	8	15
Lo Duca, P	LA	.991	99	643	53	6	702	8	4
Lopez, J	ATL	.989	127	826	50	10	886	7	5
Matheny, M	STL	.995	121	772	69	4	845	9	6
Miller, D	ARI	.993	121	966	81	7	1054	6	10
Piazza, M	NYM	.991	131	919	58	9	986	5	7
Santiago, B	SF	.994	130	830	62	5	897	12	8

FIRST BASEMEN / 468 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Bagwell, J	HOU	.992	160	1291	143	12	1446	123
Brogna, R	ATL	.994	67	431	42	3	476	30
Casey, S	CIN	.994	136	1146	62	7	1215	89
Grace, M	ARI	.995	135	995	62	5	1062	99
Helms, W	ATL	.991	77	433	31	4	468	41
Helton, T	COL	.999	157	1302	120	2	1424	139
Karros, E	LA	.996	119	963	71	4	1038	82
Klesko, R	SD	.991	145	1135	84	11	1230	92
Lee, D	FLA	.994	156	1271	115	8	1394	142
Lee, T	PHI	.996	156	1332	75	6	1413	121
McGwire, M	STL	.994	90	686	33	4	723	60
Sexson, R	MIL	.995	158	1356	129	8	1493	126
Snow, J	SF	.999	92	658	47	1	706	76
Stairs, M	CHC	.993	89	516	51	4	571	38
Stevens, L	MON	.986	152	1287	92	19	1398	113
Young, K	PIT	.994	137	1154	70	7	1231	119
Zeile, T	NYM	.992	149	1184	112	11	1305	105

SECOND BASEMEN / 261 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Alfonzo, E	NYM	.987	122	211	301	7	519	61
Anderson, M	PHI	.982	140	270	387	12	669	86
Bell, J	ARI	.994	80	154	168	2	324	43
Belliard, R	MIL	.990	96	213	290	5	508	66
Biggio, C	HOU	.984	154	280	388	11	679	86
Castillo, L	FLA	.980	133	262	385	13	660	100
Giles, M	ATL	.978	62	104	166	6	276	31
Grudzielanek, M	LA	.984	133	244	360	10	614	75
Jackson, D	SD	.986	118	243	323	8	574	68
Kent, J	SF	.987	140	269	390	9	668	91
Loretta, M	MIL	.992	52	115	144	2	261	31
Meares, P	PIT	.973	85	150	213	10	373	53
Veras, Q	ATL	.991	67	132	181	3	316	37
Vidro, J	MON	.983	121	204	315	9	528	63
Vina, F	STL	.987	151	313	383	9	705	100
Walker, T	COL-CIN	.984	142	293	366	11	670	82
Young, E	CHC	.981	147	263	366	12	641	67

SHORTSTOPS / 350 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Aurilia, R	SF	.975	149	246	423	17	686	108
Cabrera, O	MON	.986	162	246	514	11	771	106
Cora, A	LA	.962	132	178	328	20	526	62
Furcal, R	ATL	.970	79	128	224	11	361	49
Gonzalez, A	FLA	.959	142	220	396	26	642	101
Guiterrez, R	CHC	.971	144	173	360	16	549	67
Hernandez, J	MIL	.972	150	204	427	18	649	90
Jimenez, D	SD	.948	85	130	255	21	406	47
Lugo, J	HOU	.964	133	211	373	22	604	74
Ordonez, R	NYM	.980	148	213	383	12	607	79
Perez, N	COL	.976	87	145	264	10	419	64
Reese, P	CIN	.971	78	117	224	10	351	34
Renteria, E	STL	.961	137	207	390	24	621	85
Rollins, J	PHI	.979	157	216	426	14	656	99
Wilson, J	PIT	.967	107	136	342	16	494	67
Womack, T	ARI	.954	118	152	311	22	485	74

THIRD BASEMEN / 151 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Beltre, A	LA	.952	124	99	215	16	330	18
Blum, G	MON	.966	72	49	120	6	175	12
Boone, A	CIN	.936	103	72	207	19	298	17
Castillo, V	HOU	.963	121	82	230	12	324	18
Cirillo, J	COL	.982	137	78	308	7	393	25
Coomer, R	CHC	.954	76	43	101	7	151	11
Jones, C	ATL	.945	149	75	233	18	326	12
Lowell, M	FLA	.976	144	107	261	9	377	35
Martinez, R	SF	.974	70	44	105	4	153	7
Nevin, P	SD	.930	145	96	265	27	388	26
Polanco, P	STL	.985	103	60	199	4	263	16
Pujols, A	STL	.938	55	40	111	10	161	17
Ramirez, A	PIT	.945	157	92	335	25	452	33
Rolen, S	PHI	.973	151	104	325	12	441	22
Ventura, R	NYM	.957	139	91	264	16	371	24
Williams, M	ARI	.963	102	57	177	9	243	17

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OUTFIELDERS / 106 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Anderson, B	BAL	.988	120	239	8	3	250	4
Anderson, G	ANA	.994	149	313	9	2	324	2
Beltran, C	KC	.988	152	404	14	5	423	6
Brown, D	KC	.988	83	159	3	2	164	1
Cameron, M	SEA	.986	149	410	8	6	424	2
Catalanotto, F	TEX	.995	92	186	2	1	190	0
Cedeno, R	DET	.953	120	236	5	12	253	1
Cordova, M	CLE	.990	106	200	8	2	210	1
Cruz, J	TOR	.990	143	286	5	3	294	1
Damon, J	OAK	.991	154	345	4	3	352	1
Dye, J	KC-OAK	.979	154	274	12	6	292	1
Encarnacion, J	DET	.977	116	247	5	6	258	0
Erstad, D	ANA	.998	146	398	10	1	409	3
Everett, C	BOS	.974	93	185	4	5	194	1
Gonzalez, J	CLE	.987	119	214	10	3	227	3
Greer, R	TEX	.962	60	124	2	5	131	0
Grieve, B	TB	.984	120	240	4	4	248	0
Higginson, B	DET	.976	142	321	10	8	339	1
Hunter, T	MIN	.992	147	460	14	4	478	3
Javier, S	SEA	.993	76	139	1	1	141	1
Jones, J	MIN	.983	140	278	8	5	291	0
Kapler, G	TEX	.997	133	344	8	1	353	3
Knoblauch, C	NYN	.989	108	171	8	2	181	4
Lawton, M	MIN	.980	94	193	2	4	199	2
Ledee, R	TEX	.979	72	137	1	3	141	0
Lee, C	CWS	.969	130	241	9	8	258	0
Lewis, D	BOS	1.000	69	102	4	0	106	2
Lofton, K	CLE	.981	130	310	3	6	319	0
Long, T	OAK	.980	162	332	5	7	344	3
Magee, W	DET	.992	74	123	7	1	131	0
Martin, A	SEA	.971	73	132	3	4	139	2
Mondesi, R	TOR	.972	149	263	18	8	289	2
Mora, M	BAL	.987	88	218	4	3	225	1
Nixon, T	BOS	.973	145	280	7	8	295	4
O'Leary, T	BOS	.994	89	163	3	1	167	0
O'Neill, P	NYN	.981	130	210	1	4	215	0
Ordonez, M	CWS	.983	155	286	11	5	302	0
Quinn, M	KC	.976	99	197	8	5	210	1
Richard, C	BAL	1.000	96	224	6	0	234	2
Rowand, A	CWS	.991	61	103	3	1	107	0
Salmon, T	ANA	.989	125	254	13	3	270	5
Singleton, C	CWS	.991	133	310	8	3	321	2
Spencer, S	NYN	.993	68	139	7	1	147	0
Stewart, S	TOR	.981	142	257	7	5	269	0
Suzuki, I	SEA	.997	152	335	8	1	344	2
Tyner, J	TB	.978	100	219	8	5	232	1
Vaughn, G	TB	.978	57	127	4	3	134	2
Williams, B	NYN	.994	144	348	3	2	355	1
Williams, G	TB-NYN	.986	85	208	5	3	216	1
Winn, R	TB	.981	117	245	12	5	262	0

CATCHERS / 374 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Alomar, S	CWS	.990	69	367	19	4	390	5	5
Diaz, E	CLE	.992	134	959	93	8	1060	11	7
Fick, R	DET	.986	78	412	26	6	444	3	12
Flaherty, J	TB	.986	78	458	28	7	493	4	4
Fletcher, D	TOR	.995	129	720	41	4	765	8	8
Fordyce, B	BAL	.983	95	541	30	10	581	7	8
Hatberg, S	BOS	.992	72	491	29	4	524	3	13
Hernandez, R	OAK	.989	135	907	70	11	988	15	4
Inge, B	DET	.989	79	330	40	4	374	3	10
Lampkin, T	SEA	.995	71	375	23	2	400	2	3
Molina, B	ANA	.991	94	527	36	5	568	4	4
Pierzynski, A	MIN	.985	110	611	44	10	665	7	4
Posada, J	NYN	.990	131	996	52	11	1059	11	18
Prince, T	MIN	1.000	64	380	41	0	421	3	0
Rodriguez, I	TEX	.990	106	631	52	7	690	11	2
Varitek, J	BOS	.996	50	425	32	2	459	2	3
Wilson, D	SEA	.999	122	711	32	1	744	1	3

FIRST BASEMEN / 492 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Clark, T	DET	.996	78	647	48	3	698	69
Conine, J	BAL	.994	80	646	45	4	695	61
Cox, S	TB	.998	78	569	48	1	618	64
Daubach, B	BOS	.988	106	839	75	11	925	71
Delgado, C	TOR	.994	161	1518	103	9	1630	166
Giambi, Ja	OAK	.992	136	1224	76	11	1311	107
Konerko, P	CWS	.994	144	1276	90	8	1374	120
Martinez, T	NYN	.996	149	1144	99	5	1248	105
McCart, D	KC	.988	68	441	45	6	492	56
McGriff, F	TB	.986	74	558	59	9	626	53
Mientkiewicz, D	MIN	.997	148	1263	69	4	1336	96
Olerud, J	SEA	.993	158	1211	121	9	1341	116
Palmeiro, R	TEX	.992	113	906	83	8	997	112
Segui, D	BAL	.983	65	487	33	9	529	49
Spiezio, S	ANA	.999	105	818	74	1	894	64
Sweeney, M	KC	.989	108	945	88	12	1045	124
Thome, J	CLE	.992	148	1177	78	10	1265	105

SECOND BASEMEN / 248 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Abernathy, B	TB	.981	79	150	209	7	366	56
Alicea, L	KC	.958	67	105	194	13	312	47
Alomar, R	CLE	.993	157	268	423	5	696	88
Boone, B	SEA	.986	156	286	409	10	705	90
Bush, H	TOR	.990	78	153	254	4	411	68
Durham, R	CWS	.986	150	280	446	10	736	88
Easley, D	DET	.982	153	279	496	14	789	113
Febles, C	KC	.981	78	128	224	7	359	62
Hairston, J	BAL	.976	156	326	458	19	803	93
Kennedy, A	ANA	.984	131	236	376	10	622	64
Menchino, F	OAK	.978	136	253	406	15	674	90
Offerman, J	BOS	.974	91	161	249	11	421	44
Rivas, L	MIN	.974	150	230	335	15	580	65
Soriano, A	NYN	.973	156	318	366	19	703	93
Velarde, R	TEX	.988	52	111	135	3	249	38
Young, M	TEX	.984	104	211	284	8	503	79

SHORTSTOPS / 232 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Bordick, M	BAL	.977	58	107	147	6	259	28
Clayton, R	CWS	.988	133	196	367	7	570	74
Cruz, D	DET	.964	109	157	292	17	466	69
Eckstein, D	ANA	.972	126	178	332	15	525	66
Gonzalez, A	TOR	.987	154	249	509	10	768	120
Guillen, C	SEA	.980	137	187	313	10	510	75
Guzman, C	MIN	.959	118	165	327	21	513	58
Halter, S	DET	.967	62	97	169	9	275	46
Jeter, D	NYN	.974	150	212	343	15	570	68
Lansing, M	BOS	.965	76	108	172	10	290	37
Martinez, F	TB	.943	67	103	148	15	266	38
Perez, N	KC	.978	46	96	131	5	232	38
Rodriguez, A	TEX	.976	161	280	452	18	750	118
Sanchez, R	KC	.994	100	155	333	3	491	99
Tejada, M	OAK	.973	162	256	473	20	749	93
Vizquel, O	CLE	.989	154	219	414	7	640	88

THIRD BASEMEN / 158 or more total chances

PLAYER	TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Batista, T	TOR-BAL	.948	101	74	198	15	287	26
Bell, D	SEA	.961	134	92	257	14	363	21
Brannan, R	CLE	.930	72	39	108	11	158	8
Brosius, S	NYN	.935	120	80	238	22	340	21
Chavez, E	OAK	.972	149	100	321	12	433	27
Fryman, T	CLE	.944	96	65	137	12	214	14
Glaus, T	ANA	.953	159	103	286	19	408	21
Halter, S	DET	.924	74	57	150	17	224	12
Hillenbrand, S	BOS	.941	129	88	200	18	306	16
Huff, A	TB	.918	73	41	126	15	182	13
Koskie, C	MIN	.964	150	95	307	15	416	19
Lamb, M	TEX	.914	74	52	139	18	209	14
Macias, J	DET	.955	89	68	187	12	267	23
Perry, H	CWS	.940	68	45	112	10	167	5
Randa, J	KC	.966	137	111	255	13	379	31
Ripken, C	BAL	.956	111	97	209	14	320	23
Valentin, J	CWS	.925	66	49	112	13	175	9

N.L. BATTING

TOP 15 QUALIFIERS FOR THE BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
Walker, L	COL	.350	142	497	107	174	329	35	3	38	123	0	8	14	82	6	103	14	5	9	.662	.449
Helton, T	COL	.336	159	587	132	197	402	54	2	49	146	1	5	5	98	15	104	7	5	14	.685	.432
Alou, M	HOU	.331	136	513	79	170	284	31	1	27	108	0	8	3	57	14	57	5	1	18	.554	.396
Berkman, L	HOU	.331	156	577	110	191	358	55	5	34	126	0	6	13	92	5	121	7	9	8	.620	.430
Jones, C	ATL	.330	159	572	113	189	346	33	5	38	102	0	5	2	98	20	82	9	10	13	.605	.427
Pujols, A	STL	.329	161	590	112	194	360	47	4	37	130	1	7	9	69	6	93	1	3	21	.610	.403
Bonds, B	SF	.328	153	476	129	156	411	32	2	73	137	0	2	9	177	35	93	13	3	5	.863	.515
Sosa, S	CHC	.328	160	577	146	189	425	34	5	64	160	0	12	6	116	37	153	0	2	6	.737	.437
Pierre, J	COL	.327	156	617	108	202	256	26	11	2	55	14	1	10	41	1	29	46	17	6	.415	.378
Gonzalez, L	ARI	.325	162	609	128	198	419	36	7	57	142	0	5	14	100	24	83	1	1	14	.688	.429
Aurilia, R	SF	.324	156	636	114	206	364	37	5	37	97	3	3	0	47	2	83	1	3	14	.572	.369
Lo Duca, P	LA	.320	125	460	71	147	250	28	0	25	90	5	9	6	39	2	30	2	4	11	.543	.374
Vidro, J	MON	.319	124	486	82	155	236	34	1	15	59	2	2	10	31	2	49	4	1	18	.486	.371
Floyd, C	FLA	.317	149	555	123	176	321	44	4	31	103	0	5	10	59	19	101	18	3	9	.578	.390
Cirillo, J	COL	.313	138	528	72	165	250	26	4	17	83	1	9	5	43	6	63	12	2	15	.473	.364

MINIMUM 85 AT-BATS

PLAYER	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
Abreu, B	PHI	.289	162	588	118	170	319	48	4	31	110	0	9	1	106	11	137	36	14	13	.543	.393
Agbayani, B	NYM	.277	91	296	28	82	118	14	2	6	27	1	1	5	36	0	73	4	5	11	.399	.364
Alfonzo, E	NYM	.243	124	457	64	111	184	22	0	17	49	1	5	5	51	0	62	5	0	7	.403	.322
Anderson, M	PHI	.293	147	522	69	153	220	30	2	11	61	10	5	2	35	5	74	8	5	12	.421	.337
Arias, A	SD	.226	70	137	19	31	46	9	0	2	12	1	2	1	17	1	22	1	0	3	.336	.312
Ausmus, B	HOU	.232	128	422	45	98	144	23	4	5	34	6	2	1	30	6	64	4	1	13	.341	.284
Bagwell, J	HOU	.288	161	600	126	173	341	43	4	39	130	0	5	6	106	5	135	11	3	20	.568	.397
Bako, P	ATL	.212	61	137	19	29	47	10	1	2	15	0	0	0	20	2	34	1	0	3	.343	.312
Barajas, R	ARI	.160	51	106	9	17	29	3	0	3	9	0	0	0	4	0	26	0	0	0	.274	.191
Barrett, M	MON	.250	132	472	42	118	173	33	2	6	38	4	3	2	25	2	54	2	1	14	.367	.289
Bautista, D	ARI	.302	100	222	26	67	97	11	2	5	26	2	0	1	14	1	31	3	2	7	.437	.346
Bell, D	PIT	.173	46	156	14	27	45	3	0	5	13	2	0	0	25	5	38	0	2	4	.288	.287
Bell, J	ARI	.248	129	428	59	106	171	24	1	13	46	8	4	4	65	3	79	0	1	9	.400	.349
Belliard, R	MIL	.264	101	364	69	96	165	30	3	11	36	4	2	5	35	2	65	5	2	5	.453	.335
Beltre, A	LA	.265	126	475	59	126	195	22	4	13	60	2	5	5	28	1	82	13	4	9	.411	.310
Benard, M	SF	.265	129	392	70	104	172	19	2	15	44	1	3	4	29	2	66	10	5	3	.439	.320
Berg, D	FLA	.242	82	215	26	52	78	12	1	4	16	2	2	2	14	0	39	0	1	3	.363	.292
Bergeron, P	MON	.211	102	375	53	79	107	11	4	3	16	8	0	5	28	2	87	10	7	5	.285	.275
Biggio, C	HOU	.292	155	617	118	180	281	35	3	20	70	0	6	28	66	4	100	7	4	11	.455	.382
Blanco, H	MIL	.210	104	314	33	66	108	18	3	6	31	5	2	2	34	6	72	3	1	10	.344	.290
Blum, G	MON	.236	148	453	57	107	159	25	0	9	50	3	5	10	43	8	94	9	5	12	.351	.313
Bocachica, H	LA	.233	75	133	15	31	50	11	1	2	9	0	0	1	9	0	33	4	1	1	.376	.287
Bonilla, B	STL	.213	93	174	17	37	59	7	0	5	21	0	0	1	23	3	53	1	1	4	.339	.308
Boone, A	CIN	.294	103	381	54	112	184	26	2	14	62	3	6	8	29	1	71	6	3	9	.483	.351
Bradley, M	MON	.223	67	220	19	49	74	16	3	1	19	2	0	1	19	0	62	7	4	6	.336	.288
Brogna, R	ATL	.248	72	206	15	51	69	9	0	3	21	1	1	1	14	1	46	3	1	9	.335	.297
Brown, E	PIT-SD	.190	74	137	21	26	41	4	1	3	13	0	0	2	16	1	49	12	4	2	.299	.284
Burford, D	CHC	.176	35	85	11	15	26	2	0	3	8	0	0	0	4	0	23	0	0	3	.306	.213
Burnitz, J	MIL	.251	154	562	104	141	283	32	4	34	100	0	4	5	80	9	150	0	4	8	.504	.347
Burrell, P	PHI	.258	155	539	70	139	253	29	2	27	89	0	4	5	70	7	162	2	1	12	.469	.346
Butler, B	COL	.244	53	119	17	29	41	7	1	1	14	2	2	1	7	0	7	1	1	4	.345	.287
Cabrera, O	MON	.276	162	626	64	173	268	41	6	14	96	4	7	4	43	5	54	19	7	15	.428	.324
Cairo, M	CHC-STL	.295	93	156	25	46	65	8	1	3	16	7	1	0	18	1	23	2	1	4	.417	.366
Caminiti, K	ATL	.222	64	171	12	38	65	9	0	6	16	0	1	0	21	1	44	0	1	2	.380	.306
Casanova, R	MIL	.260	71	192	21	50	93	10	0	11	33	0	3	1	12	2	29	0	0	3	.484	.303
Casey, S	CIN	.310	145	533	69	165	244	40	0	13	89	0	3	9	43	8	63	3	1	16	.458	.369
Castilla, V	HOU	.270	122	445	62	120	219	28	1	23	82	0	4	3	32	3	86	1	4	19	.492	.320
Castillo, L	FLA	.263	134	537	76	141	183	16	10	2	45	4	3	1	67	0	90	33	16	6	.341	.344
Castro, J	CIN	.223	96	242	27	54	73	10	0	3	13	4	2	0	13	2	50	0	0	9	.302	.261
Clark, B	CIN	.264	89	129	22	34	55	3	0	6	18	4	1	1	22	1	16	4	1	6	.426	.373
Colangelo, M	SD	.242	50	91	10	22	37	3	3	2	8	0	0	1	8	0	30	0	0	3	.407	.310
Colbrunn, G	ARI	.289	59	97	12	28	48	8	0	4	18	0	0	4	9	0	14	0	0	5	.495	.373
Collier, L	MIL	.252	50	127	19	32	48	8	1	2	14	1	2	1	17	0	30	5	1	0	.378	.340
Coomer, R	CHC	.261	111	349	25	91	136	19	1	8	53	0	6	2	29	1	70	0	0	23	.390	.316
Cora, A	LA	.217	134	405	38	88	124	18	3	4	29	3	2	8	31	6	58	0	2	16	.306	.285
Counsell, C	ARI	.275	141	458	76	126	166	22	3	4	38	6	6	2	61	3	76	6	8	9	.362	.359
Crespo, C	SD	.209	55	153	27	32	50	6	0	4	12	1	0	0	25	0	50	6	2	2	.327	.320
Darr, M	SD	.277	105	289	36	80	101	13	1	2	34	0	2	1	39	3	72	6	2	8	.349	.363
Davis, B	SD	.239	138	448	56	107	160	20	0	11	57	1	7	4	66	5	112	4	4	13	.357	.337
Davis, E	SF	.205	74	156	17	32	57	7	3	4	22	0	1	1	13	0	38	1	1	4	.365	.269
Davis, R	SF	.257	53	167	16	43	79	13	1	7	17	2	2	1	17	2	49	1	0	5	.473	.326
Dellucci, D	ARI	.276	115	217	28	60	104	10	2	10	40	0	0	2	22	4	52	2	1	2	.479	.349
DeRosa, M	ATL	.287	66	164	27	47	64	8	0	3	20	1	2	5	12	6	19	2	1	3	.390	.350
DeShields, D	CHC	.276	68	163	26	45	66	9	3	2	16	3	1	0	28	0	35	12	1	5	.405	.380
Donnels, C	LA	.170	66	88	8	15	26	2	0	3	8	0	0	1	12	2	25	0	0	2	.295	.277

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PLAYER	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
Suzuki, I	SEA	.350	157	692	127	242	316	34	8	8	69	4	4	8	30	10	53	56	14	3	.457	.381
Giambi, Ja	OAK	.342	154	520	109	178	343	47	2	38	120	0	9	13	129	24	83	2	0	17	.660	.477
Alomar, R	CLE	.336	157	575	113	193	311	34	12	20	100	9	9	4	80	5	71	30	6	9	.541	.415
Boone, B	SEA	.331	158	623	118	206	360	37	3	37	141	5	13	9	40	5	110	5	5	11	.578	.372
Catalanotto, F	TEX	.330	133	463	77	153	227	31	5	11	54	1	1	8	39	3	55	15	5	5	.490	.391
Gonzalez, J	CLE	.325	140	532	97	173	314	34	1	35	140	0	16	6	41	5	94	1	0	18	.590	.370
Rodriguez, A	TEX	.318	162	632	133	201	393	34	1	52	135	0	9	16	75	6	131	18	3	17	.622	.399
Stewart, S	TOR	.316	155	640	103	202	296	44	7	12	60	0	1	11	46	1	72	27	10	9	.463	.371
Jeter, D	NYN	.311	150	614	110	191	295	35	3	21	74	5	1	10	56	3	99	27	3	13	.480	.377
Conine, J	BAL	.311	139	524	75	163	232	23	2	14	97	0	8	5	64	6	75	12	8	12	.443	.386
Williams, B	NYN	.307	146	540	102	166	282	38	0	26	94	0	9	6	78	11	67	11	5	15	.522	.395
Martinez, E	SEA	.306	132	470	80	144	255	40	1	23	116	0	9	9	93	9	90	4	1	11	.543	.423
Beltran, C	KC	.306	155	617	106	189	317	32	12	24	101	1	5	5	52	2	120	31	1	7	.514	.362
Ramirez, M	BOS	.306	142	529	93	162	322	33	2	41	125	0	2	8	81	25	147	0	1	9	.609	.405
Mientkiewicz, D	MIN	.306	151	543	77	166	252	39	1	15	74	0	7	9	67	6	92	2	6	10	.464	.387

MINIMUM 45 AT-BATS

PLAYER	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
Abernathy, B	TB	.270	79	304	43	82	116	17	1	5	33	3	1	0	27	1	35	8	3	3	.382	.328
Alicea, L	KC	.274	113	387	44	106	142	16	4	4	32	3	1	4	23	0	56	8	6	6	.367	.320
Allen, C	MIN	.263	57	175	20	46	75	13	2	4	20	0	1	0	19	1	37	1	2	7	.429	.333
Alomar, S	CWS	.245	70	220	17	54	76	8	1	4	21	3	2	2	12	1	17	1	2	6	.345	.288
Anderson, B	BAL	.202	131	430	50	87	129	12	3	8	45	2	1	8	60	4	77	12	4	3	.300	.311
Anderson, G	ANA	.289	161	672	83	194	321	39	2	28	123	0	5	0	27	4	100	13	6	12	.478	.314
Baines, H	CWS	.131	32	84	3	11	12	1	0	0	6	0	2	0	8	0	16	0	0	2	.143	.202
Batista, T	TOR-BAL	.238	156	579	70	138	252	27	6	25	87	0	7	4	32	1	113	5	2	9	.435	.280
Bell, D	SEA	.260	135	470	62	122	195	28	0	15	64	5	4	3	28	1	59	2	1	8	.415	.303
Bellhorn, M	OAK	.135	38	74	11	10	18	1	2	1	4	1	0	0	7	0	37	0	0	1	.243	.210
Bellinger, C	NYN	.160	51	81	12	13	31	1	1	5	12	1	1	1	4	0	23	1	2	2	.383	.207
Berrow, A	KC	.302	15	53	8	16	18	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	10	2	0	2	.340	.339
Bichette, D	BOS	.286	107	391	45	112	180	30	1	12	49	0	1	3	20	1	76	2	2	13	.460	.325
Bigbie, L	BAL	.229	47	131	15	30	42	6	0	2	11	1	0	0	17	1	42	4	1	2	.321	.318
Bordick, M	BAL	.249	58	229	32	57	91	13	0	7	30	2	3	6	17	1	36	9	3	4	.397	.314
Branyan, R	CLE	.232	113	315	48	73	153	16	2	20	54	0	5	3	38	1	132	1	1	2	.486	.316
Brosius, S	NYN	.287	120	428	57	123	191	25	2	13	49	6	5	5	34	2	83	3	1	10	.446	.343
Brown, D	KC	.245	106	380	39	93	133	19	0	7	40	1	2	1	22	4	81	5	3	12	.350	.286
Buchanan, B	MIN	.274	69	197	28	54	96	12	0	10	32	0	1	2	19	0	58	1	1	2	.487	.342
Buhner, J	SEA	.222	19	45	4	10	18	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	8	0	9	0	0	3	.400	.340
Burks, E	CLE	.280	124	439	83	123	238	29	1	28	74	0	9	5	62	2	85	5	1	16	.542	.369
Bush, H	TOR	.306	78	271	32	83	105	11	1	3	27	2	4	6	8	1	50	13	4	2	.387	.336
Cabrera, J	CLE	.261	141	287	50	75	100	16	3	1	38	1	2	6	16	0	41	10	4	4	.348	.312
Cameron, M	SEA	.267	150	540	99	144	259	30	5	25	110	1	13	10	69	3	155	34	5	13	.480	.353
Caminiti, K	TEX	.232	54	185	24	43	80	8	1	9	25	0	2	2	22	2	41	0	0	5	.432	.318
Canseco, J	CWS	.258	76	256	46	66	122	8	0	16	49	0	4	1	45	1	75	2	1	4	.477	.366
Cardona, J	DET	.260	46	96	10	25	36	8	0	1	10	2	1	1	2	0	12	0	1	2	.375	.280
Castilla, V	TB	.215	24	93	7	20	32	6	0	2	9	0	0	1	3	0	22	0	0	3	.344	.247
Castillo, A	TOR	.198	66	131	9	26	33	4	0	1	4	5	0	3	7	0	30	1	1	2	.252	.255
Cedeno, R	DET	.293	131	523	79	153	207	14	11	6	48	6	5	2	36	1	83	55	15	5	.396	.337
Chavez, E	OAK	.288	151	552	91	159	298	43	0	32	114	0	7	4	41	9	99	8	2	7	.540	.338
Clark, T	DET	.287	126	428	67	123	206	29	3	16	75	0	6	1	62	10	108	0	1	14	.481	.374
Clayton, R	CWS	.263	135	433	62	114	170	21	4	9	60	9	7	3	33	2	72	10	7	16	.393	.315
Cordero, W	CLE	.250	89	268	30	67	92	11	1	4	21	2	3	4	22	2	50	0	0	8	.343	.313
Cordova, M	CLE	.301	122	409	61	123	207	20	2	20	69	0	2	8	23	0	81	0	3	9	.506	.348
Cox, S	TB	.257	108	342	37	88	146	22	0	12	51	0	2	10	24	0	75	2	2	11	.427	.323
Crede, J	CWS	.220	17	50	1	11	14	1	1	0	7	0	1	1	3	0	11	1	0	1	.280	.273
Cruz, D	DET	.256	110	414	39	106	157	28	1	7	52	1	2	4	17	0	46	4	1	13	.379	.291
Cruz, J	TOR	.274	146	577	92	158	306	38	4	34	88	2	2	1	45	4	138	32	5	8	.530	.326
Curtis, C	TEX	.252	38	115	24	29	41	3	0	3	10	0	0	1	14	0	24	7	1	3	.357	.338
Damon, J	OAK	.256	155	644	108	165	234	34	4	9	49	5	4	5	61	1	70	27	12	7	.363	.324
Daubach, B	BOS	.263	122	407	54	107	207	28	3	22	71	1	6	5	53	7	108	1	0	10	.509	.350
DaVanon, J	ANA	.193	40	88	7	17	36	2	1	5	9	0	1	0	11	0	29	1	3	1	.409	.280
Delgado, C	TOR	.279	162	574	102	160	310	31	1	39	102	0	3	16	111	22	136	3	0	9	.540	.408
DeShields, D	BAL	.197	58	188	29	37	58	8	2	3	21	1	1	1	31	1	42	11	1	3	.309	.312
Diaz, E	CLE	.277	134	437	54	121	169	34	1	4	56	8	0	16	17	0	44	1	2	11	.387	.328
DiFelice, M	TB	.208	48	149	13	31	44	5	1	2	9	2	2	3	8	0	39	1	1	3	.295	.259
Durham, R	CWS	.267	152	611	104	163	285	42	10	20	65	6	6	4	64	3	110	23	10	10	.466	.337
Easley, D	DET	.250	154	585	77	146	220	27	7	11	65	4	4	13	52	3	90	10	5	10	.376	.323
Eckstein, D	ANA	.285	153	582	82	166	208	26	2	4	41	16	2	21	43	0	60	29	4	11	.357	.355
Encaracion, J	DET	.242	120	417	52	101	170	19	7	12	52	5	4	6	25	1	93	9	5	9	.408	.292
Erstad, D	ANA	.258	157	631	89	163	227	35	1	9	63	1	7	10	62	7	113	24	10	8	.360	.331
Everett, C	BOS	.257	102	409	61	105	179	24	4	14	58	0	0	13	27	3	104	9	2	3	.438	.323
Fabregas, J	ANA	.223	53	148	9	33	47	4	2	2	16	4	2	0	3	0	15	0	0	5	.318	.235
Febles, C	KC	.236	79	292	45	69	106	9	2	8	25	1	1	1	22	0	58	5	2	7	.363	.291

PLAYER	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
Drew, J	STL	.323	109	375	80	121	230	18	5	27	73	3	4	4	57	4	75	13	3	6	.613	.414
Dunn, A	CIN	.262	66	244	54	64	141	18	1	19	43	0	0	4	38	2	74	4	2	4	.578	.371
Dunston, S	SF	.280	88	186	26	52	95	10	3	9	25	2	1	2	2	0	32	3	1	2	.511	.293
Durazo, E	ARI	.269	92	175	34	47	94	11	0	12	38	0	2	2	28	1	49	0	0	1	.237	.372
Echevarria, A	MIL	.256	75	133	12	34	60	11	0	5	13	0	1	3	8	0	29	0	1	2	.451	.310
Edmonds, J	STL	.304	150	500	95	152	282	38	1	30	110	1	10	4	93	12	136	5	5	8	.564	.410
Estalella, B	SF	.204	29	93	11	19	35	5	1	3	10	0	0	1	11	2	28	0	0	2	.376	.295
Estrada, J	PHI	.228	89	298	26	68	107	15	0	8	37	2	4	4	16	6	32	0	0	15	.359	.273
Eusebio, T	HOU	.253	59	154	16	39	62	8	0	5	14	0	0	3	17	3	34	0	0	2	.403	.339
Feliz, P	SF	.227	94	220	23	50	82	9	1	7	22	3	3	2	10	2	50	2	1	5	.373	.264
Finley, S	ARI	.275	140	495	66	136	213	27	4	14	73	2	3	1	47	9	67	11	7	8	.430	.337
Franco, J	ATL	.300	25	90	13	27	40	4	0	3	11	0	0	1	10	1	20	0	0	3	.444	.376
Furcal, R	ATL	.275	79	324	39	89	120	19	0	4	30	4	6	1	24	1	56	22	6	5	.370	.321
Galaraga, A	SF	.288	49	156	17	45	80	12	1	7	35	0	2	3	13	1	49	0	3	3	.513	.351
Gant, R	COL	.257	59	171	31	44	80	8	2	8	22	2	2	0	24	2	56	3	1	0	.468	.345
Giles, B	PIT	.309	160	576	116	178	340	37	7	37	95	0	4	4	90	14	67	13	6	10	.590	.404
Giles, M	ATL	.262	68	244	26	64	105	10	2	9	31	1	0	0	28	0	37	2	5	8	.430	.338
Gilkey, B	ATL	.274	69	106	8	29	41	6	0	2	14	0	3	1	11	0	31	0	1	4	.387	.339
Girardi, J	CHC	.253	78	229	22	58	79	10	1	3	25	2	1	0	21	4	50	0	1	2	.345	.315
Glanville, D	PHI	.262	153	634	74	166	238	24	3	14	55	10	7	4	19	1	91	28	6	7	.375	.285
Gomez, C	SD	.188	40	112	6	21	24	3	0	0	7	2	2	0	9	0	14	1	0	5	.214	.244
Gonzalez, A	FLA	.250	145	515	57	129	194	36	1	9	48	3	3	10	30	6	107	2	2	13	.377	.303
Gonzalez, W	SD	.275	64	160	16	44	74	6	0	8	27	0	1	4	11	1	28	2	0	3	.463	.335
Goodwin, T	LA	.231	105	286	51	66	96	8	5	4	22	1	2	0	23	0	58	22	8	3	.336	.286
Grace, M	ARI	.298	145	476	66	142	222	31	2	15	78	1	5	4	67	6	36	1	0	7	.466	.386
Green, S	LA	.297	161	619	121	184	370	31	4	49	125	0	5	5	72	10	107	20	4	10	.598	.372
Griffey, K	CIN	.286	111	364	57	104	194	20	2	22	65	1	4	4	44	6	72	2	0	8	.533	.365
Grisson, M	LA	.221	135	448	56	99	181	17	1	21	60	0	2	2	16	0	107	7	5	12	.404	.250
Grudzielanek, M	LA	.271	133	539	83	146	212	21	3	13	55	3	5	11	28	0	83	4	4	9	.393	.317
Guerrero, V	MON	.307	159	599	107	184	339	45	4	34	108	0	3	9	60	24	88	37	16	24	.566	.377
Guerrero, W	CIN	.338	60	142	16	48	58	5	1	1	8	2	0	0	3	0	17	5	2	1	.408	.352
Gutierrez, R	CHC	.290	147	528	76	153	212	23	3	10	66	17	11	10	40	0	56	4	3	13	.402	.345
Guzman, E	SF	.243	61	115	8	28	43	6	0	3	7	0	1	0	5	2	16	0	0	2	.374	.273
Gwynn, T	SD	.324	71	102	5	33	47	9	1	1	17	0	0	0	10	1	9	1	0	1	.461	.384
Hamilton, D	NYM	.214	52	126	15	27	39	7	1	1	5	2	2	2	19	3	20	3	1	2	.310	.322
Hammonds, J	MIL	.247	49	174	20	43	74	11	1	6	21	0	2	4	14	1	42	5	3	2	.425	.314
Hansen, D	LA	.236	92	140	13	33	49	10	0	2	20	0	3	0	32	5	29	0	1	3	.350	.371
Harris, L	NYM	.222	110	135	12	30	37	5	1	0	9	0	0	0	8	0	9	3	2	3	.274	.266
Helms, W	ATL	.222	100	216	28	48	94	10	3	10	36	0	1	1	21	2	56	1	1	3	.435	.293
Henderson, R	SD	.227	123	379	70	86	133	17	3	8	42	0	2	3	81	0	84	25	7	8	.351	.366
Hernandez, J	MIL	.249	152	542	67	135	240	26	2	25	78	5	4	2	39	8	185	5	4	9	.443	.300
Hidalgo, R	HOU	.275	146	512	70	141	233	29	3	19	80	0	11	16	54	3	107	3	5	15	.455	.356
Hollandsworth, T	COL	.368	33	117	21	43	78	15	1	6	19	0	0	0	8	2	20	5	0	1	.667	.408
Houston, T	MIL	.289	76	235	36	68	111	7	0	12	38	2	0	1	18	1	62	0	0	3	.472	.343
Hundley, T	CHC	.187	79	246	23	46	92	10	0	12	31	0	2	3	25	0	89	0	0	7	.374	.268
Hunter, B	PHI	.276	83	145	22	40	52	6	0	2	16	3	2	0	16	0	25	14	3	3	.359	.344
Jackson, D	SD	.241	122	440	67	106	151	21	6	4	38	2	3	6	44	2	128	23	6	6	.343	.316
Jenkins, G	MIL	.264	105	397	60	105	188	21	1	20	63	0	5	8	36	7	120	4	2	11	.474	.334
Jimenez, D	SD	.276	86	308	45	85	113	19	0	3	33	0	2	0	39	4	68	2	3	9	.367	.355
Johnson, C	FLA	.259	128	451	51	117	203	32	0	18	75	0	3	4	38	2	133	0	0	8	.450	.321
Johnson, M	NYM	.254	71	118	17	30	56	6	1	6	23	0	2	0	16	1	31	0	2	0	.475	.338
Jones, A	ATL	.251	161	625	104	157	288	25	2	34	104	0	9	3	56	3	142	11	4	10	.461	.312
Jordan, B	ATL	.295	148	560	82	165	278	32	3	25	97	0	8	6	31	3	88	3	2	18	.496	.334
Jordan, K	PHI	.239	68	113	9	27	35	5	0	1	13	0	0	0	14	2	21	0	0	1	.310	.323
Karros, E	LA	.235	121	438	42	103	170	22	0	15	63	0	3	3	41	2	101	3	1	15	.388	.303
Kendall, J	PIT	.266	157	606	84	161	217	22	2	10	53	0	2	20	44	4	48	13	14	18	.358	.335
Kent, J	SF	.298	159	607	84	181	308	49	6	22	106	0	13	11	65	4	96	7	6	11	.507	.369
Klesko, R	SD	.286	146	538	105	154	290	34	6	30	113	0	9	3	88	7	89	23	4	16	.539	.384
Knorr, R	MON	.220	34	91	13	20	31	2	0	3	10	2	1	1	8	0	22	0	0	4	.341	.287
Kotsay, M	SD	.291	119	406	67	118	179	29	1	10	58	1	3	2	48	1	58	13	5	11	.441	.366
Krueter, C	LA	.215	73	191	21	41	72	11	1	6	17	0	1	1	41	2	52	0	0	5	.377	.355
Lankford, R	STL-SD	.252	131	389	58	98	191	28	4	19	58	1	3	4	62	9	145	10	2	6	.491	.358
Larkin, B	CIN	.256	45	156	29	40	58	12	0	2	17	0	0	2	27	2	25	3	2	2	.372	.373
LaRue, J	CIN	.236	121	364	39	86	147	21	2	12	43	1	2	9	27	4	106	3	3	11	.404	.303
Lawton, M	NYM	.246	48	183	24	45	67	11	1	3	13	0	0	8	22	0	34	10	2	2	.366	.352
Lee, D	FLA	.282	158	561	83	158	266	37	4	21	75	0	6	8	50	1	126	4	2	18	.474	.346
Lee, T	PHI	.258	157	555	75	143	241	34	2	20	90	1	9	4	71	5	109	3	4	15	.434	.341
Lieberthal, M	PHI	.231	34	121	21	28	42	8	0	2	11	0	0	3	12	2	21	0	0	2	.347	.316
Little, M	COL	.341	51	85	18	29	44	6	0	3	13	0	0	4	1	1	20	5	2	0	.518	.378
Lockhart, K	ATL	.219	104	178	17	39	54	6	0	3	12	2	1	2	16	1	22	1	2	1	.303	.289
Lopez, J	ATL	.267	128	438	45	117	186	16	1	17	66	1	5	10	28	3	82	1	0	12	.425	.322
Lopez, L	MIL	.270	93	222	22	60	86	8	3	4	18	5	1	5	14	2	44	0	1	6	.387	.326
Loretta, M	MIL	.289	102	384	40	111	135	14	2	2	29	7	3	7	28	0	46	1	2	6	.352	.346
Lowell, M	FLA	.283	146	551	65	156	247	37	0	18	100	0	10	10	43	3	79	1	2	9	.448	.

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Fernandez, T	TOR	.305	48	59	5	18	25	4	0	1	12	0	1	1	1	0	8	0	1	2	.424	.323
Fick, R	DET	.272	124	401	62	109	191	21	2	19	61	0	4	4	39	3	62	0	3	10	.476	.339
Flaherty, J	TB	.238	78	248	20	59	90	17	1	4	29	5	1	1	10	1	33	1	0	9	.363	.269
Fletcher, D	TOR	.226	134	416	36	94	147	20	0	11	56	1	6	6	24	4	43	0	1	18	.353	.274
Fordyce, B	BAL	.209	95	292	30	61	94	18	0	5	19	3	1	3	21	1	56	1	2	7	.322	.268
Frye, J	TOR	.246	74	175	24	43	57	6	1	2	15	4	0	3	12	0	18	2	1	2	.326	.305
Fryman, R	CLE	.263	98	334	34	88	112	15	0	3	38	0	3	3	30	1	63	1	2	8	.335	.327
Galarra, A	TEX	.235	72	243	33	57	103	16	0	10	34	0	1	9	18	1	68	1	0	9	.424	.310
Gant, R	OAK	.259	34	81	15	21	34	5	1	2	13	0	1	0	11	0	24	2	0	0	.420	.344
Garciparra, N	BOS	.289	21	83	13	24	39	3	0	4	8	0	0	1	7	0	9	0	1	1	.470	.352
Giambi, Je	OAK	.283	124	371	64	105	167	26	0	12	57	3	2	4	63	1	83	0	1	13	.450	.391
Gibbons, J	BAL	.236	73	225	27	53	108	10	0	15	36	0	0	4	17	0	39	0	1	7	.480	.301
Gil, B	ANA	.296	104	260	33	77	124	15	4	8	39	2	2	0	14	0	57	3	4	6	.477	.330
Gil, G	BAL	.293	17	58	3	17	19	2	0	0	6	1	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	1	.328	.369
Gipson, C	SEA	.219	94	64	16	14	20	2	2	0	5	1	1	2	4	0	20	1	1	2	.313	.282
Glaus, T	ANA	.250	161	588	100	147	312	38	2	41	108	0	7	6	107	7	158	10	3	16	.531	.367
Gomez, C	TB	.302	58	189	31	57	97	16	0	8	35	4	3	2	8	0	24	3	0	4	.513	.332
Gonzalez, A	TOR	.253	154	636	79	161	247	25	5	17	76	7	10	7	43	0	149	18	11	16	.388	.303
Graffanino, T	CWS	.303	74	145	23	44	59	9	0	2	15	4	3	1	16	0	29	4	1	4	.407	.370
Greene, T	NYN	.208	35	96	9	20	27	4	0	1	11	0	0	1	3	0	21	0	0	3	.281	.240
Greer, R	TEX	.273	62	245	38	67	111	23	0	7	29	1	5	1	27	1	32	1	2	5	.453	.342
Grieve, B	TB	.264	154	542	72	143	210	30	2	11	72	0	2	8	87	2	159	7	1	13	.387	.372
Guillen, C	SEA	.259	140	456	72	118	162	21	4	5	53	7	6	1	53	0	89	4	1	9	.355	.333
Guillen, J	TB	.274	41	135	14	37	51	5	0	3	11	0	1	3	6	2	26	2	3	2	.378	.317
Gullmer, B	TOR	.274	146	522	71	143	232	31	2	18	83	0	7	6	38	8	88	5	2	13	.444	.326
Guzman, C	MIN	.302	118	493	80	149	235	28	14	10	51	8	0	5	21	0	78	25	8	6	.477	.337
Hairston, J	BAL	.233	159	532	63	124	183	25	5	8	47	9	4	13	44	0	73	29	11	12	.344	.305
Hall, T	TB	.298	49	188	28	56	84	16	0	4	30	0	1	3	4	0	16	2	2	5	.447	.321
Halter, S	DET	.284	136	450	53	128	210	32	7	12	65	7	6	7	37	2	100	3	3	14	.467	.344
Haselman, B	TEX	.285	47	130	12	37	52	6	0	3	25	1	0	1	8	0	27	0	1	5	.400	.331
Hatteberg, S	BOS	.245	94	278	34	68	96	19	0	3	25	0	1	4	33	0	26	1	1	7	.345	.332
Hernandez, R	OAK	.254	136	453	55	115	185	25	0	15	60	9	4	6	37	3	68	1	1	10	.408	.316
Higginson, B	DET	.277	147	541	84	150	241	28	6	17	71	1	9	2	80	3	65	20	12	8	.445	.367
Hill, G	ANA	.136	16	66	4	9	12	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	3	.182	.136
Hillenbrand, S	BOS	.263	139	468	52	123	183	20	2	12	49	1	4	7	13	3	61	3	4	12	.391	.291
Hinch, A	KC	.157	45	121	10	19	40	3	0	6	15	1	1	3	8	1	26	1	1	5	.331	.226
Hocking, D	MIN	.251	112	327	34	82	111	16	2	3	25	4	1	2	29	1	67	6	1	7	.339	.315
Huff, A	TB	.248	111	411	42	102	153	25	1	8	45	0	0	0	23	2	72	1	3	18	.372	.288
Hunter, T	MIN	.261	148	564	82	147	270	32	5	27	92	1	1	8	29	0	125	9	6	12	.479	.306
Ibanez, R	KC	.280	104	279	44	78	138	11	5	13	54	0	1	0	32	2	51	0	2	6	.495	.353
Inge, B	DET	.180	79	189	13	34	45	11	0	0	15	2	2	0	9	0	41	1	4	2	.238	.215
Izturis, C	TOR	.269	46	134	19	36	52	6	2	2	9	4	0	0	2	0	15	8	1	0	.388	.279
Jackson, R	DET	.212	79	118	19	25	39	4	2	2	11	2	0	1	5	0	26	3	1	1	.331	.250
Javier, S	SEA	.292	89	281	44	82	110	14	1	4	33	3	1	2	36	1	47	11	1	8	.391	.375
Jennings, R	OAK	.250	20	52	4	13	16	3	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	.308	.273
Johnson, M	CWS	.249	61	173	21	43	66	6	1	5	18	10	3	2	23	1	31	2	1	5	.382	.338
Johnson, N	NYN	.194	23	67	6	13	21	2	0	2	8	0	0	4	7	0	15	0	0	3	.313	.308
Johnson, R	TB	.294	85	248	32	73	108	19	2	4	33	4	1	1	34	0	57	2	2	2	.435	.380
Jones, J	MIN	.276	149	475	57	131	198	25	0	14	49	2	0	3	39	2	92	12	9	10	.417	.335
Joyner, W	ANA	.243	53	148	14	36	52	5	1	3	14	0	0	0	13	0	18	1	1	3	.351	.304
Justice, D	NYN	.241	111	381	58	92	164	16	1	18	51	0	4	0	54	5	83	1	2	6	.430	.333
Kapler, G	TEX	.267	134	483	77	129	211	29	1	17	72	2	7	3	61	2	70	23	6	10	.437	.348
Kennedy, A	ANA	.270	137	478	48	129	178	25	3	6	40	7	9	11	27	3	71	12	7	7	.372	.318
Kielty, B	MIN	.250	37	104	8	26	40	8	0	2	14	0	5	1	8	2	25	3	0	2	.385	.297
Kinkade, M	BAL	.275	61	160	19	44	61	5	0	4	16	0	0	3	14	0	31	2	1	8	.381	.345
Knoblauch, C	NYN	.250	137	521	66	130	183	20	3	9	44	5	2	14	58	1	73	38	9	10	.351	.339
Konerko, P	CWS	.282	156	582	92	164	295	35	0	32	99	0	5	9	54	6	89	1	0	17	.507	.349
Koskie, C	MIN	.276	153	562	100	155	274	37	2	26	103	0	7	12	68	9	118	27	6	16	.488	.362
Lamb, M	TEX	.306	76	284	42	87	117	18	0	4	35	1	2	5	14	1	27	2	1	6	.412	.348
Lampkin, T	SEA	.225	79	204	28	46	71	10	0	5	22	1	1	7	18	1	41	1	0	4	.348	.309
Lansing, M	BOS	.250	106	352	45	88	135	23	0	8	34	4	3	1	22	1	50	3	3	7	.384	.294
Latham, C	TOR	.274	43	73	12	20	31	3	1	2	10	0	0	1	10	1	28	4	1	1	.425	.369
Lawton, M	MIN	.293	103	376	71	110	165	25	0	10	51	0	2	3	63	6	46	19	6	14	.439	.396
Ledee, R	TEX	.231	78	242	33	56	85	21	1	2	36	1	3	3	23	0	58	3	3	3	.351	.303
Lee, C	CWS	.269	150	558	75	150	261	33	3	24	84	1	2	6	38	2	85	17	7	15	.468	.321
Lewis, D	BOS	.280	82	164	18	46	60	9	1	1	12	5	0	3	8	0	25	5	5	2	.366	.326
Liefer, J	CWS	.256	83	254	36	65	132	13	0	18	39	1	2	2	20	1	69	0	1	6	.520	.313
Lofton, K	CLE	.261	133	517	91	135	206	21	4	14	66	5	5	2	47	1	69	16	8	8	.398	.322
Long, T	OAK	.283	162	629	90	178	259	37	4	12	85	0	6	0	52	8	103	9	3	17	.412	.335
Lopez, F	TOR	.260	49	177	21	46	74	5	4	5	23	1	2	0	12	1	39	4	3	2	.418	.304
Lopez, L	TOR	.244	41	119	10	29	42	4	0	3	10	1	0	0	8	1	16	0	0	10	.353	.291
Lunar, F	BAL	.246	64	167	8	41	48	7	0	0	16	2	1	3	7	0	32	0	0	8	.287	.287
Macias, J	DET	.268	137	488	62	131	191	24	6	8	51	8	3	3	32	0	54	21	6	7	.391	.316
Magee, W	DET	.213	90	207	26	44	78	11	4	5	17	1	1	1	23	1	44	3	0	8	.377	.293
Martin, A	SEA	.240	101	283	41	68	108	15	2	7	42	0	2									

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Mayne, B	COL	.331	49	160	15	53	60	7	0	0	20	0	3	0	16	3	24	0	0	4	.375	.385	
McEwing, J	NYM	.283	116	283	41	80	127	17	3	8	30	6	3	10	17	0	57	8	5	2	.449	.342	
McGriff, F	CHC	.282	49	170	27	48	95	7	2	12	41	0	2	3	26	4	37	0	1	6	.559	.383	
McGwire, M	STL	.187	97	299	48	56	147	4	0	29	64	0	6	3	56	3	118	0	0	7	.492	.316	
Meares, P	PIT	.211	87	270	27	57	82	11	1	4	25	1	1	2	10	3	45	0	2	9	.304	.244	
Mendez, D	SD	.153	46	118	11	18	25	2	1	1	5	1	0	3	5	2	37	1	2	2	.212	.206	
Merced, O	HOU	.263	94	137	19	36	62	6	1	6	29	0	1	1	14	1	32	5	1	3	.453	.333	
Millar, K	FLA	.314	144	449	62	141	250	39	5	20	85	0	2	5	39	2	70	0	0	8	.557	.374	
Miller, D	ARI	.271	123	380	45	103	161	19	0	13	47	4	2	4	35	9	80	0	1	9	.424	.337	
Minor, R	MON	.158	55	95	10	15	23	2	0	2	13	0	2	1	9	0	31	0	1	3	.242	.234	
Mordecai, M	MON	.280	96	254	28	71	101	17	2	3	32	1	2	1	19	1	53	2	2	6	.398	.330	
Morris, W	PIT	.204	48	103	6	21	33	6	0	2	11	0	1	2	3	0	9	2	3	2	.320	.239	
Mouton, J	MIL	.246	75	138	20	34	48	8	0	2	10	3	0	6	11	0	40	7	3	1	.348	.329	
Mueller, B	CHC	.295	70	210	38	62	94	12	1	6	23	4	3	3	37	3	19	1	1	4	.448	.403	
Murray, C	SF	.245	106	326	54	80	116	14	2	6	25	3	0	3	32	0	57	8	8	5	.356	.319	
Nevin, P	SD	.306	149	546	97	167	321	31	0	41	126	0	3	4	71	7	147	4	4	13	.588	.388	
Norton, G	COL	.267	117	225	30	60	116	13	2	13	40	0	2	0	19	2	65	1	0	6	.516	.321	
Nunez, A	PIT	.262	115	301	30	79	101	11	4	1	21	4	1	1	28	1	53	8	2	0	.336	.326	
Ochoa, A	CIN-COL	.276	148	536	73	148	216	30	7	8	52	4	4	4	45	0	76	17	13	10	.403	.334	
Ojeda, A	CHC	.201	78	144	16	29	39	5	1	1	12	2	2	2	12	1	20	1	0	2	.271	.269	
Ordonez, R	NYM	.247	149	461	31	114	155	24	4	3	44	7	2	1	34	17	43	3	2	17	.336	.299	
Ortiz, J	COL	.255	53	204	38	52	101	8	1	13	35	1	1	4	14	0	36	3	1	5	.495	.314	
Osik, K	PIT	.208	56	120	9	25	35	4	0	2	13	0	1	3	13	0	24	1	0	1	.292	.299	
Owens, E	FLA	.253	119	400	51	101	134	16	1	5	28	4	1	0	29	2	59	8	6	13	.335	.302	
Paquette, C	STL	.282	123	340	47	96	158	17	0	15	64	5	2	5	18	1	67	3	1	11	.465	.326	
Patterson, C	CHC	.221	59	131	26	29	44	3	0	4	14	2	3	3	6	0	33	4	0	1	.336	.266	
Payton, J	NYM	.255	104	361	44	92	134	16	1	8	34	0	2	5	18	1	52	4	3	11	.371	.298	
Perez, N	COL	.298	87	382	65	114	170	19	8	7	47	4	1	0	16	1	49	6	2	8	.445	.326	
Perez, T	NYM	.247	85	239	26	59	85	9	1	5	22	6	1	2	12	0	25	1	6	1	.356	.287	
Petrick, B	COL	.238	85	244	41	58	112	15	3	11	39	1	3	3	31	3	67	3	3	5	.459	.327	
Piazza, M	NYM	.300	141	503	81	151	288	29	0	36	94	0	1	2	67	19	87	0	2	20	.573	.384	
Polanco, P	STL	.307	144	564	87	173	216	26	4	3	38	14	1	6	25	0	43	12	3	22	.383	.342	
Pratt, T	NYM-PHI	.185	80	173	18	32	52	8	0	4	11	1	1	1	3	34	3	61	1	0	6	.301	.327
Ramirez, A	PIT	.300	158	603	83	181	323	40	0	34	112	0	4	8	40	4	100	5	4	9	.536	.350	
Reboulet, J	LA	.266	94	214	35	57	85	15	2	3	22	5	0	1	33	1	48	0	1	3	.397	.367	
Redman, T	PIT	.224	37	125	8	28	37	4	1	1	4	0	1	0	4	0	25	3	5	2	.296	.246	
Redmond, M	FLA	.312	48	141	19	44	60	4	0	4	14	1	1	2	13	4	13	0	0	6	.426	.376	
Reese, P	CIN	.224	133	428	50	96	147	20	2	9	40	5	4	3	34	4	82	25	4	7	.343	.284	
Relaford, D	NYM	.302	120	301	43	91	142	27	0	8	36	2	5	5	27	1	65	13	5	4	.472	.364	
Renteria, E	STL	.260	141	493	54	128	183	19	3	10	57	8	6	3	39	4	73	17	4	15	.371	.314	
Rios, A	SF-PIT	.260	95	319	38	83	148	17	3	14	50	1	3	0	36	6	74	3	2	3	.464	.332	
Rivera, R	CIN	.255	117	263	37	67	112	13	1	10	34	0	1	5	21	1	83	6	3	7	.426	.321	
Robinson, K	STL	.285	114	186	34	53	64	6	1	1	15	4	3	2	12	0	20	11	2	1	.344	.330	
Rolen, S	PHI	.289	151	554	96	160	276	39	1	25	107	0	12	13	74	6	127	16	5	6	.498	.378	
Rollins, J	PHI	.274	158	656	97	180	275	29	12	14	54	9	5	2	48	2	108	46	8	5	.419	.323	
Sanchez, R	ATL	.227	49	154	10	35	41	4	1	0	9	4	1	0	4	1	15	2	0	9	.266	.245	
Sanders, R	ARI	.263	126	441	84	116	242	21	3	33	90	1	3	5	46	7	126	14	10	2	.549	.337	
Santiago, B	SF	.262	133	477	39	125	176	25	4	6	45	7	6	2	23	0	78	5	4	19	.369	.295	
Selby, B	CIN	.228	36	92	7	21	36	7	1	2	12	1	1	1	5	1	13	0	0	1	.391	.273	
Sexson, R	MIL	.271	158	598	94	162	327	24	3	45	125	0	3	6	60	5	178	2	4	20	.547	.342	
Sheffield, G	LA	.311	143	515	98	160	300	28	2	36	100	0	5	4	94	13	67	10	4	12	.583	.417	
Shinjo, T	NYM	.268	123	400	46	107	162	23	1	10	56	4	2	7	25	3	70	4	5	8	.405	.320	
Shumpert, T	COL	.289	114	242	37	70	106	14	5	4	24	4	1	3	15	2	44	14	3	2	.438	.337	
Smith, M	MON	.242	80	194	28	47	80	13	1	6	18	1	2	2	23	0	38	0	2	3	.412	.326	
Snow, J	SF	.246	101	285	43	70	108	12	1	8	34	0	4	4	55	10	81	0	0	2	.379	.371	
Spivey, J	ARI	.258	72	163	33	42	69	6	3	5	21	6	1	2	23	0	47	3	0	3	.423	.354	
Stairs, M	CHC	.250	128	340	48	85	157	21	0	17	61	1	3	7	52	7	76	2	3	4	.462	.358	
Stevens, L	MON	.245	152	542	77	133	245	35	1	25	95	0	7	5	74	12	157	2	1	17	.452	.338	
Stinnett, K	CIN	.257	63	187	27	48	86	11	0	9	25	1	1	5	17	3	61	2	2	5	.460	.333	
Surhoff, B	ATL	.271	141	484	68	131	196	33	1	10	58	1	7	1	38	5	48	9	3	5	.405	.321	
Tatis, F	MON	.255	41	145	20	37	52	9	0	2	11	0	3	4	16	0	43	0	0	5	.359	.339	
Trammell, B	SD	.261	142	490	66	128	229	20	3	25	92	0	4	4	48	2	78	2	2	10	.467	.330	
Tucker, M	CIN-CHC	.252	149	436	62	110	181	19	8	12	61	10	6	2	46	4	102	16	8	8	.415	.322	
Uribe, J	COL	.300	72	273	32	82	143	15	11	8	53	0	0	2	8	1	55	3	0	6	.524	.325	
Vander Wal, J	PIT-SF	.270	146	452	58	122	200	28	4	14	70	2	4	1	68	9	122	8	6	10	.442	.364	
Ventura, R	NYM	.237	142	456	70	108	191	20	0	21	61	0	4	1	88	10	101	2	5	13	.419	.359	
Veras, Q	ATL	.252	71	258	39	65	92	14	2	3	25	4	2	7	24	1	52	7	4	4	.357	.330	
Vina, F	STL	.303	154	631	95	191	264	30	8	9	56	3	2	22	32	3	35	17	7	7	.418	.357	
Vizcaino, J	HOU	.277	107	256	38	71	88	8	3	1	14	9	0	2	15	0	33	3	2	6	.344	.322	
Walker, T	COL-CIN	.296	151	551	93	163	253	35	2	17	75	4	3	1	51	1	82	1	8	14	.459	.355	
Ward, D	HOU	.263	95	213	21	56	98	15	0	9	39	0	2	1	19	4	48	0	0	3	.460	.323	
White, D	MIL	.277	126	390	52	108	179	25	2	14	47	1	1	12	28	1	95	18	3	6	.459	.343	
White, R	CHC	.307	95	323	43	99	171	19	1	17	50	1	0	7	26	4	56	1	0	14	.529	.371	
Williams, M	ARI	.275	106	408	58	112	190	30	0	16	65	0	3	3	22	3	70	1					

PLAYER	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	IB	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
McLemore, M	SEA	.286	125	409	78	117	166	16	9	5	57	3	6	0	69	0	84	39	7	6	.406	.384
McMillon, B	DET-OAK	.217	40	92	7	20	33	8	1	1	14	0	1	2	7	0	25	1	0	1	.359	.284
Menechino, F	OAK	.242	139	471	82	114	176	22	2	12	60	3	6	19	79	0	97	2	3	13	.374	.369
Merloni, L	BOS	.267	52	146	21	39	58	10	0	3	13	2	2	3	6	0	31	2	1	6	.397	.306
Mirabelli, D	TEX-BOS	.226	77	190	20	43	90	10	0	11	29	1	2	4	27	2	57	0	0	3	.453	.332
Mohr, D	MIN	.235	20	51	6	12	14	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	5	0	17	1	1	0	.275	.298
Molina, B	ANA	.262	96	325	31	85	114	11	0	6	40	2	4	8	16	3	51	0	1	8	.351	.309
Mondesi, R	TOR	.252	149	572	88	144	259	26	4	27	84	0	2	6	73	3	128	30	11	13	.453	.342
Monroe, C	TEX	.212	27	52	8	11	18	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	6	0	18	2	0	1	.346	.293
Mora, M	BAL	.250	128	436	49	109	158	28	0	7	48	5	7	14	41	2	91	11	4	6	.362	.329
Munson, E	DET	.152	17	66	4	10	18	3	1	1	6	0	0	0	3	0	21	0	1	2	.273	.188
Myers, G	BAL-OAK	.224	58	161	24	36	72	3	0	11	31	0	0	0	21	1	38	0	0	5	.447	.313
Nieves, J	ANA	.245	29	53	5	13	24	3	1	2	3	2	0	2	2	0	20	0	1	1	.453	.298
Nixon, T	BOS	.280	148	535	100	150	270	31	4	27	88	6	6	7	79	1	113	7	4	8	.505	.376
O'Leary, T	BOS	.240	104	341	50	82	149	16	6	13	50	0	5	5	25	2	73	1	3	9	.437	.298
O'Neill, P	NY	.267	137	510	77	136	234	33	1	21	70	0	3	2	48	4	59	22	3	20	.459	.330
Offerman, J	BOS	.267	128	524	76	140	196	23	3	9	49	3	5	1	61	2	97	5	2	9	.374	.342
Olerud, J	SEA	.302	159	572	91	173	270	32	1	21	95	1	7	5	94	19	70	3	1	21	.472	.401
Ordaz, L	KC	.250	28	56	8	14	17	3	0	0	4	2	1	1	3	0	8	0	0	1	.304	.295
Ordonez, M	CWS	.305	160	593	97	181	316	40	1	31	113	0	3	5	70	7	70	25	7	14	.533	.382
Ortiz, D	MIN	.234	89	303	46	71	144	17	1	18	48	1	2	1	40	8	68	1	0	6	.475	.324
Ortiz, H	KC	.247	56	154	12	38	46	6	1	0	11	2	0	1	9	0	24	1	3	5	.299	.293
Palmeiro, O	ANA	.243	104	230	29	56	74	10	1	2	23	7	5	3	25	2	24	6	6	3	.322	.319
Palmeiro, R	TEX	.273	160	600	98	164	338	33	0	47	123	0	6	7	101	8	90	1	1	8	.563	.381
Palmer, D	DET	.222	57	216	34	48	92	11	0	11	40	0	0	3	27	0	59	4	1	3	.426	.317
Paul, J	CWS	.266	57	139	20	37	57	11	0	3	18	1	1	0	13	0	25	6	2	3	.410	.327
Pena, C	TEX	.258	22	62	6	16	31	4	1	3	12	0	0	0	10	0	17	0	0	1	.500	.361
Perez, N	KC	.241	49	199	18	48	60	7	1	1	12	7	3	1	10	0	19	3	4	2	.302	.277
Perry, H	CWS	.256	93	285	38	73	117	21	1	7	32	0	1	7	23	1	55	2	2	11	.411	.326
Piatt, A	OAK	.211	36	95	9	20	27	5	1	0	6	1	2	0	13	0	26	0	0	5	.284	.300
Pickering, C	BOS	.280	17	50	4	14	24	1	0	3	7	0	0	0	8	0	13	0	0	4	.480	.379
Pierzynski, A	MIN	.289	114	381	51	110	168	33	2	7	55	1	3	4	16	4	57	1	7	7	.441	.322
Porter, B	TEX	.230	49	87	18	20	31	4	2	1	6	0	2	0	9	0	34	3	2	1	.356	.296
Posada, J	NY	.277	138	484	59	134	230	28	1	22	96	0	5	6	62	10	132	2	6	10	.475	.363
Prince, T	MIN	.219	64	196	19	43	70	4	1	7	23	0	1	6	12	0	39	3	1	5	.357	.284
Quinn, M	KC	.269	118	453	57	122	208	31	2	17	60	0	1	7	12	1	69	9	5	16	.459	.298
Randa, J	KC	.253	151	581	59	147	224	34	2	13	83	1	6	6	42	2	80	3	2	15	.386	.307
Richard, C	BAL	.265	136	483	74	128	210	31	3	15	61	2	4	8	45	4	100	11	9	15	.435	.335
Ripken, C	BAL	.239	128	477	43	114	172	16	0	14	68	2	9	2	26	1	63	0	2	15	.361	.276
Rivas, L	MIN	.266	153	563	70	150	204	21	6	7	47	5	5	6	40	0	99	31	11	15	.362	.319
Roberts, B	BAL	.253	75	273	42	69	93	12	3	2	17	3	3	0	13	0	36	12	3	3	.341	.284
Rodriguez, I	TEX	.308	111	442	70	136	239	24	2	25	65	0	1	4	23	3	73	10	3	13	.541	.347
Rolls, D	TB	.262	81	237	33	62	81	11	1	2	12	2	0	0	10	0	47	12	4	5	.342	.291
Rowand, A	CWS	.293	63	123	21	36	53	5	0	4	20	5	1	4	15	0	28	5	1	2	.431	.385
Sadler, D	KC	.129	54	101	19	13	16	3	0	0	2	3	1	2	9	0	17	4	1	0	.158	.212
Saenz, O	OAK	.220	106	305	33	67	117	21	1	9	32	1	3	13	19	1	64	0	1	9	.384	.291
Salmon, T	ANA	.227	137	475	63	108	182	21	1	17	49	0	2	8	96	4	121	9	3	11	.383	.365
Sanchez, R	KC	.303	100	390	46	118	142	14	5	0	28	9	4	2	11	0	34	9	1	11	.364	.322
Sandberg, J	TB	.206	39	136	13	28	38	7	0	1	15	2	0	1	10	0	45	1	0	2	.279	.265
Santangelo, F	OAK	.197	32	71	16	14	18	4	0	0	8	1	1	5	11	0	17	1	1	1	.254	.341
Segui, D	BAL	.301	82	292	48	88	138	18	1	10	46	0	2	4	49	5	61	1	1	4	.473	.406
Sheets, A	TB	.196	49	153	10	30	41	8	0	1	14	7	2	0	12	0	35	2	0	0	.268	.251
Sheldon, S	TEX	.200	61	120	11	24	38	5	0	3	11	2	2	0	3	0	35	1	1	2	.317	.216
Sierra, R	TEX	.291	94	344	55	100	193	22	1	23	67	0	6	0	19	0	52	2	0	13	.561	.322
Simmons, B	TOR	.178	60	107	8	19	30	5	0	2	8	0	1	1	8	0	26	1	0	0	.280	.239
Simon, R	DET	.305	81	256	28	78	114	14	2	6	37	1	2	0	15	2	28	0	1	9	.445	.341
Singleton, C	CWS	.298	140	392	57	117	169	21	5	7	45	14	4	1	20	2	61	12	11	5	.431	.331
Sojo, L	NY	.165	39	79	5	13	15	2	0	0	9	0	0	1	4	0	12	1	0	0	.190	.214
Soriano, A	NY	.268	158	574	77	154	248	34	3	18	73	3	5	3	29	0	125	43	14	7	.432	.304
Spencer, S	NY	.258	81	283	40	73	121	14	2	10	46	0	3	4	21	0	58	4	1	4	.428	.315
Spiezio, S	ANA	.271	139	457	57	124	200	29	4	13	54	3	4	5	34	4	65	5	2	6	.438	.326
Sprague, E	SEA	.298	45	94	9	28	41	7	0	2	16	0	1	1	11	1	18	0	0	3	.436	.374
Stynes, C	BOS	.280	96	361	52	101	148	19	2	8	33	1	1	3	20	0	56	4	5	12	.410	.322
Sweeney, M	KC	.304	147	559	97	170	303	46	0	29	99	1	6	2	64	13	64	10	3	13	.542	.374
Taubensee, E	CLE	.250	52	116	16	29	42	2	1	3	11	1	0	1	10	1	19	0	0	3	.362	.315
Tejada, M	OAK	.267	162	622	107	166	296	31	3	31	113	1	4	13	43	5	89	11	5	14	.476	.326
Thomas, F	CWS	.221	20	68	8	15	30	3	0	4	10	0	1	0	10	2	12	0	0	0	.441	.316
Thome, J	CLE	.291	156	526	101	153	328	26	1	49	124	0	3	4	111	14	185	0	1	9	.624	.416
Tyner, J	TB	.280	105	396	51	111	129	8	5	0	21	5	1	3	15	0	42	31	6	6	.326	.311
Valdez, M	OAK	.278	32	54	7	15	19	1	0	1	8	0	0	1	12	1	18	0	0	0	.352	.418
Valentin, J	CWS	.258	124	438	74	113	223	22	2	28	68	8	3	3	50	2	114	9	6	7	.509	.336
Varitek, J	BOS	.293	51	174	19	51	85	11	1	7	25	1	1	1	21	3	35	0	0	6	.489	.371
Vaughn, G	TB	.233	136	485	74	113	210	25	0	24	82	0	3	3	71	7	130	11	5	10	.433	.333
Velarde, R	TEX-NY	.278	93	342	50	95	145	19	2	9	32	4	1	8	34	0	90	6	2	8	.424	.356
Vizquel, O	CLE	.255	155	611	84	156	204	26														

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Apr. 1, 3, 4	PHI
Apr. 5, 6, 7	NYM
Apr. 8, 9, 10, 11	at Fla
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at Fla
Apr. 15, 16, 17	at NYM
Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22	FLA
Apr. 23, 24, 25	ARI
Apr. 26, 27, 28	HOU
Apr. 30	at RIL
May 1, 2	at Mil
May 3, 4, 5	at StL
May 7, 8, 9	LA
May 10, 11, 12	SD
May 13, 14, 15, 16	at SF
May 17, 18, 19	at Mon
May 21, 22	at Cin
May 24, 25, 26	CIN
May 27, 28, 29, 30	MON
May 31	at Cin
June 1, 2	at Cin
June 3, 4, 5, 6	NYM
June 7, 8, 9	at Tex
June 10, 11, 12	at Min
June 14, 15, 16	BOS
June 18, 19, 20	DET
June 21, 22, 23	CWS
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at NYM
June 28, 29, 30	at Bos
July 1, 2, 3	MON
July 4, 5, 6, 7	CHC
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at Mon
July 15, 16	at ChC
July 17, 18	FLA
July 19, 20, 21	at Phi
July 22, 23, 24	at Fla
July 26, 27, 28	PHI
July 30, 31	MIL
Aug. 1	MIL
Aug. 2, 3, 4	STL
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at Ari
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at Hou
Aug. 13, 14, 15	SF
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	COL
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at SD
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at LA
Aug. 27, 28, 29	at NYM
Aug. 30, 31	at Mon
Sept. 1	at Mon
Sept. 2, 3, 4	PIT
Sept. 6, 7, 8	MON
Sept. 10, 11	NYM
Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16	at Fla
Sept. 17, 18, 19	PHI
Sept. 20, 21, 22	FLA
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at Phi
Sept. 27, 28, 29	at NYM

Apr. 2, 3, 4	at Mon
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at Phi
Apr. 9, 10, 11	MON
Apr. 12, 13, 14	ATL
Apr. 16, 17, 18	PHI
Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22	at Atl
Apr. 23, 24, 25	HOU
Apr. 26, 27, 28	ARI
Apr. 30	at StL
May 1, 2	at StL
May 3, 4, 5	at Mil
May 7, 8, 9	SD
May 10, 11, 12	LA
May 13, 14, 15, 16	at Col
May 17, 18, 19	at SF
May 21, 22, 23	at Cin
May 24, 25, 26, 27	at NYM
May 28, 29, 30	CIN
May 31	NYM
June 1, 2	at NYM
June 3, 4, 5, 6	at Phi
June 7, 8, 9	at Min
June 10, 11, 12	at KC
June 14, 15, 16	TB
June 18, 19, 20	CLE
June 21, 22, 23	DET
June 24, 25, 26, 27	PHI
June 28, 29, 30	at TB
July 1, 2, 3	CHC
July 4, 5, 6, 7	NYM
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at ChC
July 15, 16	at NYM
July 17, 18	at Atl
July 19, 20, 21	MON
July 22, 23, 24	ATL
July 25, 26, 27, 28	at Mon
July 30, 31	STL
Aug. 1	STL
Aug. 2, 3, 4	MIL
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at Hou
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at Mon
Aug. 12, 13, 14	COL
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	SF
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at LA
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at SD
Aug. 27, 28	NYM
Aug. 30, 31	at Mon
Sept. 1	PIT
Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	at NYM
Sept. 6, 7, 8	at Pit
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at Phi
Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16	ATL
Sept. 17, 18, 19	MON
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at Atl
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at Mon
Sept. 27, 28, 29	PHI

Apr. 2, 3, 4	FLA
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at Cin
Apr. 9, 10, 11	at Fla
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at NYM
Apr. 15, 16, 17	CHC
Apr. 18, 19, 20, 21	NYM
Apr. 23, 24, 25	MIL
Apr. 26, 27, 28	STL
Apr. 30	at Hou
May 1, 2	at Hou
May 3, 4, 5	at Ari
May 7, 8, 9	COL
May 10, 11, 12	SF
May 13, 14, 15	at SD
May 16, 17, 18, 19	at LA
May 21, 22, 23	at SD
May 24, 25, 26	PHI
May 27, 28, 29, 30	at Atl
May 31	at Phi
June 1, 2	at Phi
June 3, 4, 5	at CWS
June 7, 8, 9	at Det
June 10, 11, 12	at Det
June 14, 15, 16	TOR
June 18, 19, 20	KC
June 21, 22, 23	CLE
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at Pit
June 28, 29, 30	at Tor
July 1, 2, 3	at Atl
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at Phi
July 11, 12, 13, 14	ATL
July 15, 16	PHI
July 17, 18	NYM
July 19, 20, 21	at Fla
July 22, 23, 24	at NYM
July 25, 26, 27, 28	FLA
July 30, 31	ARI
Aug. 1	ARI
Aug. 2, 3, 4	HOU
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at Hou
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at Mil
Aug. 13, 14, 15	LA
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	SD
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at Col
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at SF
Aug. 27, 28, 29	at Phi
Aug. 30, 31	at Mon
Sept. 1	PIT
Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	PHI
Sept. 6, 7, 8	at Atl
Sept. 9, 10, 11	at ChC
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	NYM
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at Fla
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at NYM
Sept. 24, 25, 26	FLA
Sept. 27, 28, 29	CIN

Apr. 1, 3, 4	PIT
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at Atl
Apr. 9, 10, 11	at CWS
Apr. 12, 13, 14	MON
Apr. 15, 16, 17	ATL
Apr. 18, 19, 20, 21	at Mon
Apr. 23, 24, 25	STL
Apr. 26, 27, 28	MIL
Apr. 30	at Ari
May 1, 2	at Ari
May 3, 4, 5	at Hou
May 7, 8, 9	SF
May 10, 11, 12	COL
May 13, 14, 15	at LA
May 16, 17, 18, 19	at Phi
May 21, 22, 23	at Phi
May 24, 25, 26, 27	FLA
May 28, 29	PHI
May 31	at Phi
June 1, 2	at Fla
June 3, 4, 5, 6	at Atl
June 7, 8, 9	at Cle
June 10, 11, 12	at CWS
June 14, 15, 16	NYM
June 18, 19, 20	MIN
June 21, 22, 23	KC
June 24, 25, 26, 27	ATL
June 28, 29, 30	at NYM
July 1, 2, 3	at Phi
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at Fla
July 11, 12, 13, 14	PHI
July 15, 16	at Mon
July 17, 18	at Fla
July 19, 20, 21	at Cin
July 22, 23, 24	MON
July 25, 26, 27, 28	CIN
July 30, 31	HOU
Aug. 1	HOU
Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5	ARI
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at Mil
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at SD
Aug. 13, 14, 15	SD
Aug. 16, 17, 18	LA
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at SF
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at SF
Aug. 27, 28	at Fla
Aug. 30, 31	at NYM
Sept. 1	ATL
Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	FLA
Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9	at Phi
Sept. 10, 11	at Atl
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	at Mon
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at Fla
Sept. 20, 21, 22	MON
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at Pit
Sept. 27, 28, 29	ATL

Apr. 1, 3, 4	at Atl
Apr. 5, 6, 7	FLA
Apr. 9, 10, 11	ATL
Apr. 12, 13, 14	CIN
Apr. 16, 17, 18	at Fla
Apr. 19, 20, 21	at Pit
Apr. 23, 24, 25	SD
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at Col
Apr. 29, 30	at SF
May 1	at SF
May 3, 4, 5	COL
May 7, 8, 9	HOU
May 10, 11, 12	ARI
May 13, 14, 15	at Hou
May 16, 17, 18, 19	NYM
May 21, 22, 23	at Mon
May 24, 25, 26	at Mon
May 28, 29	at NYM
May 31	MON
June 1, 2	MON
June 3, 4, 5, 6	FLA
June 7, 8, 9	at Det
June 10, 11, 12	at Cle
June 14, 15, 16	BAL
June 18, 19, 20	CWS
June 21, 22, 23	MIN
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at Fla
June 28, 29, 30	at Bal
July 1, 2, 3	NYM
July 4, 5, 6, 7	MON
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at NYM
July 15, 16	at Mon
July 17, 18	CHC
July 19, 20, 21	at Atl
July 22, 23, 24, 25	at ChC
July 26, 27, 28	at Atl
July 30, 31	SF
Aug. 1	SF
Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5	LA
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at LA
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at LA
Aug. 13, 14, 15	MIL
Aug. 16, 17, 18	STL
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at Mil
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at StL
Aug. 27, 28, 29	MON
Aug. 30, 31	at NYM
Sept. 1	at NYM
Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5	at Mon
Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9	NYM
Sept. 10, 11, 12	FLA
Sept. 13, 14, 15	at Pit
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at Atl
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at Cin
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at Cin
Sept. 27, 28, 29	at Fla

N.L. Central



Apr. 1, 3, 4	at Cin
Apr. 5, 6, 7	PIT
Apr. 9, 10, 11	NYM
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at Pit
Apr. 15, 16, 17	at Mon
Apr. 19, 20, 21	CIN
Apr. 23, 24, 25	SF
Apr. 26, 27, 28	LA
Apr. 30	at SD
May 1, 2	at SD
May 3, 4, 5	at LA
May 6, 7, 8	STL
May 9, 10, 11, 12	MIL
May 13, 14, 15	at StL
May 17, 18, 19	at Mil
May 21, 22, 23	PIT
May 24, 25, 26	at Hou
May 27, 28, 29, 30	at Hou
May 31	HOU
June 1, 2	HOU
June 3, 4, 5	at Mil
June 7, 8, 9	at Sea
June 10, 11, 12	at Hou
June 14, 15, 16	CWS
June 18, 19, 20	TEX
June 21, 22, 23	STL
June 24, 25, 26, 27	CIN
June 28, 29, 30	at CWS
July 1, 2, 3	at Fla
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at Atl
July 11, 12, 13, 14	FLA
July 15, 16	ATL
July 17, 18	at Phi
July 19, 20, 21	HOU
July 22, 23, 24, 25	PHI
July 26, 27, 28	at StL
July 30, 31	SD
Aug. 1	SD
Aug. 2, 3, 4	COL
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at SF
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at Col
Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15	HOU
Aug. 16, 17, 18	ARI
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at Hou
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at Ari
Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29	at Mil
Aug. 30, 31	STL
Sept. 1	STL
Sept. 2, 3, 4	MIL
Sept. 6, 7, 8	at StL
Sept. 9, 10, 11	MON
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	at Cin
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at NYM
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at Pit
Sept. 24, 25, 26	CIN
Sept. 27, 28, 29	PIT

Apr. 1, 3, 4	CHC
Apr. 5, 6, 7	MON
Apr. 8, 9, 10, 11	at Pit
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at Phi
Apr. 16, 17, 18	at Mon
Apr. 19, 20, 21	at ChC
Apr. 23, 24, 25	COL
Apr. 26, 27, 28	SF
Apr. 30	at LA
May 1, 2	at LA
May 3, 4, 5	at SF
May 6, 7, 8	MIL
May 9, 10, 11, 12	STL
May 13, 14, 15, 16	at Mil
May 17, 18, 19, 20	at StL
May 21, 22, 23	FLA
May 24, 25, 26	at Atl
May 27, 28, 29, 30	STL
May 31	ATL
June 1, 2	ATL
June 3, 4, 5	STL
June 6, 7, 8	at Ana
June 10, 11, 12	at Tex
June 14, 15, 16	PIT
June 18, 19, 20	SEA
June 21, 22, 23	OAK
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at ChC
June 28, 29, 30	at StL
July 1, 2, 3	HOU
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at Pit
July 11, 12, 13, 14	HOU
July 15, 16	at Mil
July 17, 18	at Pit
July 19, 20, 21	NYM
July 22, 23, 24	PIT
July 25, 26, 27, 28	at NYM
July 30, 31	LA
Aug. 1	LA
Aug. 2, 3, 4	at SD
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at Col
Aug. 9, 10, 11	SD
Aug. 13, 14, 15	ARI
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	HOU
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at Ari
Aug. 23, 24, 25	at Hou
Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29	STL
Aug. 30, 31	MIL
Sept. 1	MIL
Sept. 2, 3, 4	at StL
Sept. 6, 7, 8	at Mil
Sept. 9, 10, 11	PIT
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	CHC
Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19	at Pit
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at NYM
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at ChC
Sept. 27, 28, 29	at Mon

Apr. 2, 3, 4	MIL
Apr. 5, 6, 7	STL
Apr. 8, 9, 10	at Col
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at StL
Apr. 16, 17, 18	at Cin
Apr. 19, 20, 21	SF
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Fla
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at Atl
Apr. 30	MON
May 1, 2	NYM
May 3, 4, 5	at Phi
May 6, 7, 8	at Pit
May 9, 10, 11, 12	PHI
May 13, 14, 15	at StL
May 16, 17, 18, 19	at StL
May 21, 22, 23	at StL
May 24, 25, 26	CHC
May 27, 28, 29	at LA
May 31	at ChC

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N.L. West



Apr. 1, 2, 3	SD
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at Mil
Apr. 8, 9, 10	at SD
Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14	at Col
Apr. 15, 16, 17	STL
Apr. 19, 20, 21	COL
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Atl
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at Fla
Apr. 30	NYM
May 1, 2	MON
May 3, 4, 5	PIT
May 6, 7, 8	at Phi
May 10, 11, 12	at Phi
May 13, 14, 15	at Phi
May 16, 17, 18, 19	PHI
May 21, 22	SD
May 24, 25, 26	LA
May 27, 28, 29, 30	at SF
May 31	at LA
June 1, 2	at LA
June 3, 4, 5	HOU
June 6, 7, 8, 9	at Bos
June 10, 11, 12	at NYN
June 14, 15, 16	DET
June 18, 19, 20	BAL
June 21, 22, 23	TOR
June 25, 26, 27	at Hou
June 28, 29, 30	at Cle
July 1, 2, 3	SD
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at SF
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at LA
July 15, 16	at SF
July 17, 18	at Col
July 19, 20, 21	at SD
July 22, 23, 24	COL
July 25, 26, 27, 28	SD
July 30, 31	at Mon
Aug. 1	at Mon
Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5	at NYM
Aug. 6, 7, 8	ATL
Aug. 9, 10, 11	FLA
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at Cin
Aug. 16, 17, 18	at Cin
Aug. 20, 21, 22	CIN
Aug. 23, 24, 25	CHC
Aug. 26, 27, 28	at LA
Aug. 30, 31	at SF
Sept. 1	at SF
Sept. 2, 3, 4	LA
Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8	at SF
Sept. 9, 10, 11	SD
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	MIL
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at SD
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at Col
Sept. 24, 25	at STL
Sept. 26, 27, 28, 29	COL

Apr. 1, 3, 4	at STL
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at LA
Apr. 8, 9, 10	HOU
Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14	ARI
Apr. 15, 16, 17	at Ari
Apr. 19, 20, 21	at Ari
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Cin
Apr. 26, 27, 28	PHI
Apr. 30	PIT
May 1, 2	at Phi
May 3, 4, 5	at Phi
May 7, 8, 9	at Mon
May 10, 11, 12	at NYM
May 13, 14, 15, 16	FLA
May 17, 18, 19	ATL
May 21, 22, 23	SD
May 24, 25, 26	SF
May 27, 28, 29, 30	at SD
May 31	at SF
June 1, 2	at SF
June 3, 4, 5	LA
June 6, 7, 8, 9	at Tor
June 10, 11, 12	at Bos
June 14, 15, 16	CLE
June 18, 19, 20	NYN
June 21, 22, 23	TB
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at LA
June 28, 29, 30	at Sea
July 1, 2, 3	SD
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at SF
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at SF
July 15, 16	at SD
July 17, 18	ARI
July 19, 20, 21	MIL
July 22, 23, 24	at Ari
July 25, 26, 27, 28	at Mil
July 30, 31	at Pit
Aug. 1	at Pit
Aug. 2, 3, 4	at CHC
Aug. 6, 7, 8	CIN
Aug. 9, 10, 11	CHC
Aug. 12, 13, 14	at Fla
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	at Fla
Aug. 20, 21, 22	MON
Aug. 23, 24, 25	NYM
Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29	at SF
Aug. 30, 31	at SD
Sept. 1, 2	at SD
Sept. 3, 4	at SF
Sept. 6, 7, 8	SD
Sept. 9, 10, 11	at Hou
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	LA
Sept. 17, 18, 19	STL
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at Col
Sept. 24, 25	at LA
Sept. 26, 27, 28, 29	at Ari

Apr. 2, 3, 4	SF
Apr. 5, 6, 7	COL
Apr. 9, 10, 11	at SF
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at SD
Apr. 15, 16, 17	at Col
Apr. 18, 19, 20, 21	SD
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Pit
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at ChC
Apr. 30	CIN
May 1, 2	CIN
May 3, 4, 5	CHC
May 7, 8, 9	at Atl
May 10, 11, 12	at Fla
May 13, 14, 15	NYM
May 16, 17, 18, 19	MON
May 21, 22, 23	at Mil
May 24, 25, 26	at Ari
May 27, 28, 29	MIL
May 31	ARI
June 1, 2	ARI
June 3, 4, 5	at Col
June 6, 7, 8, 9	at Bal
June 10, 11, 12	at TB
June 14, 15, 16	ANA
June 18, 19, 20	TOR
June 21, 22, 23	BOS
June 24, 25, 26, 27	COL
June 28, 29, 30	at Ana
July 1, 2, 3	at Ari
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at STL
July 11, 12, 13, 14	ARI
July 15, 16	STL
July 17, 18	SD
July 19, 20, 21	at SF
July 22, 23, 24	at SD
July 25, 26, 27, 28	at Mil
July 30, 31	at Cin
Aug. 1	at Cin
Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5	at Phi
Aug. 6, 7, 8	PIT
Aug. 9, 10, 11	PHI
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at Mon
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	at NYM
Aug. 20, 21, 22	FLA
Aug. 23, 24, 25	ATL
Aug. 26, 27, 28	ARI
Aug. 30, 31	at Hou
Sept. 1, 2	at Hou
Sept. 3, 4, 5	at Ari
Sept. 6, 7, 8	HOU
Sept. 9, 10, 11	at SF
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	at Col
Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19	at SF
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at SD
Sept. 24, 25	COL
Sept. 26, 27, 28, 29	SD

Apr. 1, 2, 3	at Ari
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at SF
Apr. 8, 9, 10	ARI
Apr. 12, 13, 14	at SF
Apr. 15, 16, 17	at Col
Apr. 18, 19, 20, 21	at LA
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Phi
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at Pit
Apr. 30	CHC
May 1, 2	CHC
May 3, 4, 5	PIT
May 7, 8, 9	at Fla
May 10, 11, 12	at Atl
May 13, 14, 15	MON
May 16, 17, 18, 19	NYM
May 21, 22, 23	at Col
May 24, 25, 26	at Mil
May 27, 28, 29, 30	COL
May 31	MIL
June 1, 2	MIL
June 3, 4, 5	at Col
June 6, 7, 8, 9	at TB
June 10, 11, 12	at Bal
June 14, 15, 16	SEA
June 18, 19, 20	BOS
June 21, 22, 23	NYN
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at SF
June 28, 29, 30	at KC
July 1, 2, 3	at Col
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at STL
July 11, 12, 13, 14	STL
July 15, 16	COL
July 17, 18	at LA
July 19, 20, 21	ARI
July 22, 23, 24	LA
July 25, 26, 27, 28	at SF
July 30, 31	at ChC
Aug. 1	at ChC
Aug. 2, 3, 4	at Phi
Aug. 6, 7, 8	CIN
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at Cin
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at Mon
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	at Mon
Aug. 20, 21, 22	ATL
Aug. 23, 24, 25	FLA
Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29	at Hou
Aug. 30, 31	COL
Sept. 1, 2	at Hou
Sept. 3, 4, 5	HOU
Sept. 6, 7, 8	at Col
Sept. 9, 10, 11	at Ari
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	at SF
Sept. 17, 18, 19	ARI
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at LA
Sept. 24, 25	COL
Sept. 26, 27, 28, 29	at LA

Apr. 2, 3, 4	at LA
Apr. 5, 6, 7	SD
Apr. 9, 10, 11	LA
Apr. 12, 13, 14	MIL
Apr. 15, 16, 17	at SD
Apr. 19, 20, 21	at Hou
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at ChC
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at Cin
Apr. 29, 30	PHI
May 1	PHI
May 3, 4, 5	CIN
May 7, 8, 9	at NYM
May 10, 11, 12	at Mon
May 13, 14, 15, 16	ATL
May 17, 18, 19	FLA
May 21, 22	at Ari
May 24, 25, 26	at Col
May 27, 28, 29, 30	ARI
May 31	COL
June 1, 2	COL
June 3, 4, 5	at SD
June 6, 7, 8, 9	at NYN
June 10, 11, 12	at Tor
June 14, 15, 16	OAK
June 18, 19, 20	TB
June 21, 22, 23	BAL
June 24, 25, 26, 27	SD
June 28, 29, 30	at Oak
July 1, 2, 3	at Col
July 4, 5, 6, 7	at Ari
July 11, 12, 13, 14	COL
July 15, 16	ARI
July 17, 18	at STL
July 19, 20, 21	at LA
July 22, 23, 24, 25	STL
July 26, 27, 28	at SF
July 30, 31	at Phi
Aug. 1	at Phi
Aug. 2, 3, 4	at Pit
Aug. 6, 7, 8	CHC
Aug. 9, 10, 11	PIT
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at NYM
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	at NYM
Aug. 20, 21, 22	NYM
Aug. 23, 24, 25	MON
Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29	at Col
Aug. 30, 31	at Ari
Sept. 1, 2	at Col
Sept. 3, 4	COL
Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8	ARI
Sept. 9, 10, 11	LA
Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15	at SD
Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19	at SD
Sept. 20, 21, 22	at Mil
Sept. 24, 25	SD
Sept. 27, 28, 29	HOU

A.L. East



Apr. 1, 3, 4	NYN
Apr. 5, 6, 7	BOS
Apr. 9, 10, 11	TB
Apr. 12, 13, 14, 15	at CWS
Apr. 16, 17, 18	at NYN
Apr. 19, 20, 21	at TB
Apr. 23, 24, 25	BOS
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at KC
Apr. 29, 30	at Bos
May 1	at Bos
May 2, 3, 4, 5	KC
May 6, 7, 8	CLE
May 10, 11, 12	at TB
May 14, 15, 16	at Cle
May 17, 18, 19	TB
May 21, 22, 23	at Oak
May 24, 25, 26	at Sea
May 28, 29	OAK
May 30, 31	SEA
June 1, 2	SEA
June 3, 4, 5, 6	at NYN
June 7, 8, 9	LA
June 10, 11, 12	SD
June 14, 15, 16	at Phi
June 18, 19, 20	at Ari
June 21, 22, 23	at SF
June 25, 26, 27	NYN
June 28, 29, 30	PHI
July 2, 3, 4	at Ana
July 5, 6, 7	at Tex
July 11, 12, 13, 14	OAK
July 15, 16	SEA
July 17, 18	at Tor
July 19, 20, 21	CWS
July 22, 23, 24	TOR
July 26, 27, 28	at Bos
July 29, 30, 31	at TB
Aug. 1	at TB
Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5	at Tor
Aug. 6, 7, 8	MIN
Aug. 9, 10, 11	at Det
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at Min
Aug. 16, 17, 18	DET
Aug. 19, 20, 21	TB
Aug. 23, 24, 25	TOR
Aug. 27, 28, 29	at Tex
Aug. 30, 31	at Ana
Sept. 1	at Ana
Sept. 3, 4, 5	TEX
Sept. 6, 7, 8	ANA
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at NYN
Sept. 13, 14, 15	at Bos
Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19	TOR
Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23	BOS
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at Tor
Sept. 27, 28, 29	NYN

Apr. 1, 3	TOR
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at Bal
Apr. 9, 10, 11	KC
Apr. 12, 13, 14, 15	NYN
Apr. 16, 17	at Tor
Apr. 19, 20, 21	at KC
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Bal
Apr. 26, 27, 28	BAL
Apr. 29, 30	BAL
May 1	BAL
May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	at TB
May 7, 8, 9	at Oak
May 10, 11, 12	at Sea
May 14, 15, 16	OAK
May 17, 18, 19	SEA
May 20, 21, 22	CWS
May 23, 24, 25, 26	NYN
May 27, 28, 29	at Tor
May 31	at NYN
June 1, 2	at NYN
June 3, 4, 5, 6	at Det
June 7, 8, 9	ARI
June 10, 11, 12	COL
June 14, 15, 16	at Atl
June 18, 19, 20	at SD
June 21, 22, 23	at LA
June 25, 26, 27	CLE
June 28, 29, 30	ATL
July 1, 2, 3, 4	TOR
July 5, 6, 7	DET
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at Tor
July 15, 16	at Det
July 17, 18	at TB
July 19, 20, 21	at NYN
July 23, 24, 25	at Min
July 26, 27, 28	BAL
July 29, 30, 31	at Ana
Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4	at Tex
Aug. 6, 7, 8	OAK
Aug. 9, 10, 11	MIN
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at Sea
Aug. 16, 17, 18	at Min
Aug. 20, 21, 22	TEX
Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26	ANA
Aug. 27, 28	NYN
Aug. 30, 31	at Cle
Sept. 1	at Cle
Sept. 2, 3, 4	at NYN
Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8	TOR
Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12	at TB
Sept. 13, 14, 15	BAL
Sept. 16, 17, 18	CLE
Sept. 20, 21, 22, 23	at Bal
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at CWS
Sept. 27, 28, 29	TB

Apr. 1, 3, 4	at Bal
Apr. 5, 6, 7	TB
Apr. 8, 9, 10, 11	at Tor
Apr. 12, 13, 14, 15	at Bos
Apr. 16, 17, 18	BAL
Apr. 19, 20, 21	TOR
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at Oak
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at TB
Apr. 29, 30	OAK
May 1, 2	OAK
May 3, 4, 5	SEA
May 7, 8, 9	at TB
May 10, 11, 12	at Min
May 14, 15, 16	TB
May 17, 18, 19	MIN
May 20, 21, 22	TOR
May 23, 24, 25, 26	at Bos
May 27, 28, 29	at CWS
May 31	BOS
June 1, 2	BOS
June 3, 4, 5, 6	BAL

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Apr. 1, 2, 3	at Sea
Apr. 5, 6, 7	at KC
Apr. 8, 9, 10	at Det
Apr. 12, 13, 14, 15	BAL
Apr. 16, 17, 18	CLE
Apr. 19, 20, 21	DET
Apr. 22, 23, 24, 25	at Cle
Apr. 26, 27, 28	at Oak
Apr. 30	SEA
May 1, 2	SEA
May 3, 4, 5	OAK
May 6, 7, 8, 9	at Tex
May 10, 11, 12	at Ana
May 14, 15, 16	TEX
May 17, 18, 19	ANA
May 20, 21, 22	at Bos
May 24, 25, 26	DET
May 27, 28, 29	NYN
May 31	at Cle
June 1, 2	at Cle
June 3, 4, 5, 6	KC
June 7, 8, 9	MON
June 10, 11, 12	NYM
June 14, 15, 16	at ChC
June 18, 19, 20	at Phi
June 21, 22, 23	at Atl
June 24, 25, 26, 27	at Min
June 28, 29, 30	CHC
July 2, 3, 4	DET
July 5, 6, 7	CLE
July 11, 12, 13, 14	at Det
July 15, 16	at Cle
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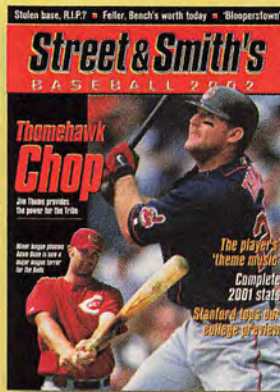
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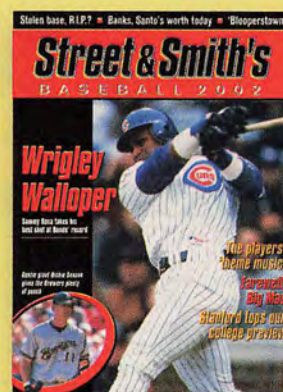
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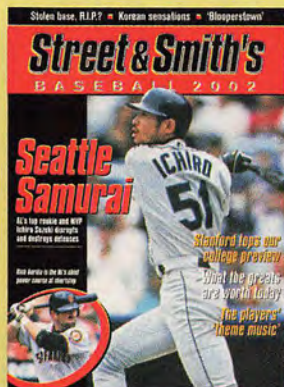
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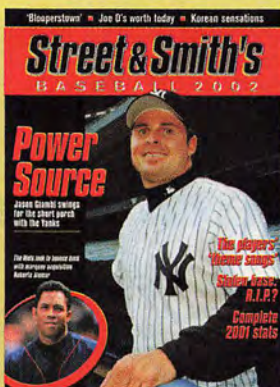
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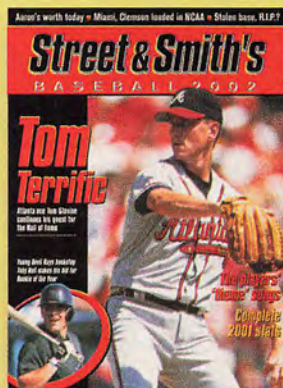
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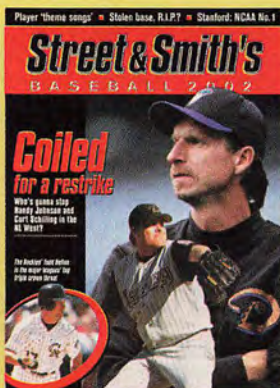
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

DIVISION SERIES

New York vs. Oakland

Game 1: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 10)

Oakland 100 100 120—5 10 1
New York 000 010 020—3 10 1

MULDER, Mecir (7), Isringhausen (9, S)
CLEMENS, Hitchcock (5), Witasick (8),
Stanton (8)
Time: 3:45. Attendance: 56,697.

Game 2: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 11)

Oakland 000 100 001—2 9 0
New York 000 000 000—0 7 1

HUDSON, Isringhausen (9, S)
PETITITTE, Mendoza (7), Rivera (9)
Time: 3:24. Attendance: 56,684.

Game 3: AT OAKLAND (OCT. 13)

New York 000 010 000—1 2 0
Oakland 000 000 000—0 6 1

MUSSINA, Rivera (8, S)
ZITO, Guthrie (9)
Time: 2:42. Attendance: 55,861.

Game 4: AT OAKLAND (OCT. 14)

New York 022 300 002—9 11 1
Oakland 002 000 000—2 11 1

HERNANDEZ, Stanton (6), Mendoza (8)
LIDLE, Hijijs (4), Magnante (4), Guthrie (6),
Bradford (8), Tam (9)
Time: 4:13. Attendance: 43,681.

Game 5: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 15)

Oakland 110 010 000—3 7 3
New York 021 101 00x—5 10 1

MULDER, Hudson (5), Mecir (7)
Clemens, STANTON (5), Mendoza (7),
Rivera (8, S)
Time: 3:23. Attendance: 56,462.

Seattle vs. Cleveland

Game 1: AT SEATTLE (OCT. 9)

Cleveland 000 301 010—5 11 1
Seattle 000 000 000—0 6 1

COLON, Wickman (9)
GARCIA, Charlton (6), Paniagua (8),
Halama (9)
Time: 3:05. Attendance: 48,033.

Game 2: AT SEATTLE (OCT. 10)

Cleveland 000 000 100—1 6 0
Seattle 400 010 00x—5 6 0

FINLEY, Riske (5), Shuey (7), Baez (8)
MOYER, Nelson (7), Rhodes (8), Sasaki (9)
Time: 2:41. Attendance: 48,052.

Game 3: AT CLEVELAND (OCT. 13)

Seattle 100 000 100—2 7 3
Cleveland 224 013 05x—17 19 0

SELE, Abbott (3), Halama (6), Paniagua (8)
SABATHIA, Riske (7), Rincon (7), Burba (8),
Rocker (9)
Time: 3:24. Attendance: 45,069.

Game 4: AT CLEVELAND (OCT. 14)

Seattle 000 000 312—6 11 0
Cleveland 010 100 100—2 5 2

GARCIA, Nelson (7), Rhodes (7), Sasaki (9)
COLON, Baez (7), Rincon (8), Shuey (9)
Time: 3:06. Attendance: 45,025.

Game 5: AT SEATTLE (OCT. 15)

Cleveland 001 000 000—1 4 0
Seattle 020 000 10x—3 9 1

FINLEY, Riske (5), Rincon (6), Baez (7)
MOYER, Nelson (7), Rhodes (8), Sasaki (9, S)
Time: 3:18. Attendance: 47,867.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

New York vs. Seattle

Game 1: AT SEATTLE (OCT. 17)

New York 010 200 001—4 9 0
Seattle 000 010 001—2 4 0

PETTITTE, Rivera (9, S)
SELE, Charlton (7), Paniagua (8)
Time: 3:06. Attendance: 47,644.

Game 2: AT SEATTLE (OCT. 18)

New York 030 000 000—3 9 1
Seattle 000 200 000—2 6 0

MUSSINA, Mendoza (7), Rivera (8, S)
GARCIA, Rhodes (8), Nelson (9)
Time: 3:25. Attendance: 47,791.

Game 3: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 20)

Seattle 000 027 212—14 15 0
New York 200 000 010—3 7 2

MOYER, Paniagua (8), Halama (9)
HERNANDEZ, Stanton (6), Wohlers (6), Witasick (7)
Time: 3:39. Attendance: 56,517.

Game 4: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 21)

Seattle 000 000 010—1 2 0
New York 000 000 012—3 4 0

Abbott, Charlton (6), Nelson (6),
Rhodes (8), SASAKI (9)
Clemens, Mendoza (6), RIVERA (9)
Time: 3:24. Attendance: 56,375.

Game 5: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 22)

Seattle 000 000 300—3 9 1
New York 004 104 03x—12 13 1

SELE, Halama (5), Pineiro (6), Paniagua (8)
PETTITTE, Mendoza (7), Stanton (8), Rivera (9)
Time: 3:18. Attendance: 56,370.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION SERIES

Atlanta vs. Houston

Game 1: AT HOUSTON (OCT. 9)

Atlanta 100 100 041—7 13 1
Houston 000 021 001—4 6 1

Maddux, SEANEZ (7), Smoltz (8, S)
Miller, JACKSON (8), Wagner (8),
Williams (9)
Time: 2:51. Attendance: 35,553.

Game 2: AT HOUSTON (OCT. 10)

Atlanta 010 000 000—1 7 0
Houston 000 000 000—0 7 2

GLAVINE, Smoltz (9, S)
MLICKI, Dotel (6), Jackson (8), Cruz (8), Wagner (9)
Time: 2:41. Attendance: 35,704.

Game 3: AT ATLANTA (OCT. 12)

Houston 000 000 200—2 6 0
Atlanta 021 100 02x—6 10 0

REYNOLDS, Cruz (5), Dotel (7), Villone (8)
BURKETT, Reed (7), Remlinger (7),
Karsay (8), Smoltz (9)
Time: 2:33. Attendance: 39,923.

Arizona vs. St. Louis

Game 1: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 10)

St. Louis 000 000 000—0 3 1
Arizona 000 010 00x—1 8 1

MORRIS, Stechschulte (8), Veres (8)
SCHILLING
Time: 2:36. Attendance: 42,251.

Game 2: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 11)

St. Louis 201 000 001—4 7 0
Arizona 000 000 010—1 5 2

WILLIAMS, Kline (8, S)
JOHNSON, Morgan (9), Swindell (9),
Batista (9)
Time: 3:15. Attendance: 41,793.

Game 3: AT ST. LOUIS (OCT. 12)

Arizona 000 001 400—5 9 0
St. Louis 000 200 100—3 6 0

BATISTA, Anderson (7), Morgan (8), Kim (8, S)
Kile, MATTHEWS (7), Timlin (7),
Stechschulte (9), Kline (9)
Time: 3:36. Attendance: 52,273.

Game 4: AT ST. LOUIS (OCT. 13)

Arizona 100 000 000—1 6 0
St. Louis 112 000 00x—4 7 1

LOPEZ, Anderson (4), Swindell (7),
Morgan (8)
SMITH, Hermanson (6), Kline (9, S)
Time: 2:47. Attendance: 52,194.

Game 5: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 14)

St. Louis 000 000 010—1 6 1
Arizona 000 100 001—2 9 1

Morris, Veres (9), KLINE (9)
SCHILLING
Time: 3:05. Attendance: 42,810.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Arizona vs. Atlanta

Game 1: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 16)

Atlanta 000 000 000—0 3 1
Arizona 100 010 00x—2 8 0

MADDUX, Remlinger (8), Karsay (8)
JOHNSON
Time: 2:44. Attendance: 37,729.

Game 2: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 17)

Atlanta 100 000 250—8 8 0
Arizona 000 001 000—1 5 1

GLAVINE, Karsay (8), Smoltz (9)
BATISTA, Morgan (8), Swindell (8), Witt (8),
Kim (9)
Time: 2:54. Attendance: 49,334.

Game 3: AT ATLANTA (OCT. 19)

Arizona 002 030 000—5 9 1
Atlanta 000 100 000—1 4 1

SCHILLING
BURKETT, Reed (5), Remlinger (5),
Ligtenberg (6), Seanez (7), Millwood (8),
Marquis (9)
Time: 2:59. Attendance: 41,624.

Game 4: AT ATLANTA (OCT. 20)

Arizona 004 200 014—11 12 0
Atlanta 110 000 110—4 13 4

Lopez, ANDERSON (4), Morgan (7),
Swindell (7), Batista (8), Kim (8, S)
MADDUX, Remlinger (4), Ligtenberg (5),
Seanez (7), Karsay (8), Marquis (9)
Time: 3:47. Attendance: 42,291.

Game 5: AT ATLANTA (OCT. 21)

Arizona 000 120 000—3 6 1
Atlanta 000 100 100—2 7 1

JOHNSON, Kim (8, S)
GLAVINE, Karsay (6), Smoltz (8)
Time: 3:13. Attendance: 35,652.

WORLD SERIES

Arizona vs. New York Yankees

Game 1: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 27)

New York 100 000 000—1 3 2
Arizona 104 400 00x—9 10 0

MUSSINA, Choate (4), Hitchcock (5),
Stanton (8)
SCHILLING, Morgan (8), Swindell (9)
Time: 2:44. Attendance: 49,646.

Game 2: AT ARIZONA (OCT. 28)

New York 000 000 000—0 3 0
Arizona 010 000 30x—4 5 0

PETTITTE, Stanton (8)
JOHNSON
Time: 2:35. Attendance: 49,646.

Game 3: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 30)

Arizona 000 100 000—1 3 3
New York 010 001 00x—2 7 1

ANDERSON, Morgan (6), Swindell (7)
CLEMENS, Rivera (8, S)
Time: 3:26. Attendance: 55,820.

Game 4: AT NEW YORK (OCT. 31)

Arizona 000 100 0200—3 6 0
New York 001 000 0021—4 7 0

Schilling, KIM (8)
Hernandez, Stanton (7), Mendoza (8),
RIVERA (10)
Time: 3:31. Attendance: 55,863.

Game 5: AT NEW YORK (NOV. 1)

Arizona 000 020 000 0000—2 8 0
New York 000 000 000 2001—3 9 1

Batista, Swindell (8), Kim (9), Morgan (9),
LOPEZ (12)
Mussina, Mendoza (9), Rivera (10),
HITCHCOCK (12)
Time: 4:15. Attendance: 56,018.

Game 6: AT ARIZONA (NOV. 3)

New York 000 002 000—2 7 1
Arizona 138 300 00x—15 22 0

PETTITTE, Witasick (3), Choate (4),
Stanton (7)
JOHNSON, Witt (8), Brohawn (9)
Time: 3:33. Attendance: 49,707.

Game 7: AT ARIZONA (NOV. 4)

New York 000 000 110—2 6 3
Arizona 000 001 002—3 11 0

Clemens, Stanton (7), RIVERA (8)
SCHILLING, Batista (8), JOHNSON (8)
Time: 3:20. Attendance: 49,589.

2001 Season in Review

FINAL STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Avg	GB	Home	Road	East	Cent.	West	L 10	Streak
New York	95	65	.594	-	51-28	44-37	50-24	23-13	12-20	6-4	Won 1
Boston	82	79	.509	13.5	41-40	41-39	41-34	16-20	15-17	6-4	Won 5
Toronto	80	82	.494	16	40-42	37-39	37-39	19-13	16-20	6-4	Lost 1
Baltimore	63	98	.391	32.5	30-50	33-48	31-44	16-16	10-26	3-7	Lost 5
Tampa Bay	62	100	.383	34	37-44	25-56	29-47	13-19	10-26	7-3	Lost 1
Central	W	L	Avg	GB	Home	Road	East	Cent.	West	L 10	Streak
Cleveland	91	71	.562	-	44-36	47-35	22-14	47-29	15-17	4-6	Won 1
Minnesota	85	77	.525	6	47-34	38-43	13-19	47-29	16-20	5-5	Won 2
Chicago	83	79	.512	8	46-35	37-44	16-16	42-34	13-23	4-6	Lost 2
Detroit	66	96	.407	25	37-44	29-52	17-19	24-52	15-17	4-6	Lost 1
Kansas City	65	97	.401	26	35-46	30-51	13-19	30-46	14-22	6-4	Won 1
West	W	L	Avg	GB	Home	Road	East	Cent.	West	L 10	Streak
Seattle	116	46	.716	-	57-24	59-22	33-12	31-10	40-18	8-2	Won 1
Oakland	102	60	.630	14	53-28	49-32	31-14	27-14	32-26	8-2	Won 6
Anaheim	75	87	.463	41	39-42	36-45	24-17	24-21	17-41	1-9	Lost 7
Texas	73	89	.451	43	41-41	32-48	21-20	17-28	27-31	3-7	Won 1

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

AMERICAN LEAGUE

PLAYER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Ichiro Suzuki (27)	Sea	138
C.C. Sabathia (1)	Cle	73
Alfonso Soriano	NYN	35
David Eckstein	Ana	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PLAYER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Albert Pujols (32)	StL	160
Roy Oswalt	Hou	82
Jimmy Rollins	Phi	44
Bud Smith	StL	1
Adam Dunn	Cin	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Avg	GB	Home	Road	East	Cent.	West	L 10	Streak
Atlanta	88	74	.543	-	40-41	48-33	42-34	22-14	15-17	6-4	Lost 1
Philadelphia	86	76	.531	2	47-34	39-42	41-35	19-17	19-13	5-5	Won 3
New York	82	80	.506	6	44-37	38-43	43-33	15-21	14-18	4-6	Lost 1
Florida	76	86	.469	12	46-34	30-52	34-42	19-17	11-21	6-4	Won 1
Montreal	68	94	.420	20	34-47	34-47	30-46	14-22	16-16	4-6	Won 1
Central	W	L	Avg	GB	Home	Road	East	Cent.	West	L 10	Streak
Houston	93	69	.574	-	44-37	49-32	18-12	50-34	16-17	3-7	Won 1
St. Louis	93	69	.574	-	54-28	39-41	19-11	49-35	17-16	7-3	Lost 1
Chicago	88	74	.543	5	48-33	40-41	16-14	48-36	15-18	6-4	Lost 1
Milwaukee	68	94	.420	25	36-45	32-49	15-15	37-47	11-22	3-7	Won 2
Cincinnati	66	96	.407	27	27-54	39-42	16-14	32-52	14-19	4-6	Lost 5
Pittsburgh	62	100	.383	31	38-43	24-57	7-23	36-48	11-22	4-6	Won 1
West	W	L	Avg	GB	Home	Road	East	Cent.	West	L 10	Streak
Arizona	92	70	.568	-	48-33	44-37	18-14	22-17	45-31	7-3	Lost 2
San Francisco	90	72	.556	2	49-32	41-40	18-14	21-18	41-35	7-3	Won 1
Los Angeles	86	76	.531	6	44-37	42-39	17-15	23-16	40-36	5-5	Lost 1
San Diego	79	83	.488	13	35-46	44-37	17-15	24-15	32-44	3-7	Lost 1
Colorado	73	89	.451	19	41-40	32-49	15-17	24-18	32-44	6-4	Won 1

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

PLAYER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Roger Clemens (21)	NYN	122
Mark Mulder (2)	Oak	60
Freddy Garcia (4)	Sea	55
Jamie Moyer (1)	Sea	12
Mike Mussina	NYN	2
Tim Hudson	Oak	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PLAYER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Randy Johnson (30)	Ari	156
Curt Schilling (2)	Ari	98
Matt Morris	StL	31
Jon Lieber	Chi	2
Roy Oswalt	Hou	1

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

AMERICAN LEAGUE

PLAYER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Ichiro Suzuki (11)	Sea	289
Jason Giambi (8)	Oak	281
Bret Boone (7)	Sea	259
Roberto Alomar	Cle	165
Juan Gonzalez	Cle	156
Alex Rodriguez	Tex	141
Jim Thome	Cle	107
Roger Clemens	NYN	67
Manny Ramirez	Bos	50
Derek Jeter	NYN	42
Mariano Rivera	NYN	27
Tino Martinez	NYN	18
Mark Mulder	Oak	12
Rafael Palmeiro	Tex	5
Doug Mientkewitz	Min	5
Edgar Martinez	Sea	4
Cristian Guzman	Min	4
Mike Cameron	Sea	4
Miguel Tejada	Oak	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PLAYER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Barry Bonds (30)	SF	438
Sammy Sosa (2)	Chi	278
Luis Gonzalez	Ari	261
Albert Pujols	StL	222
Lance Berkman	Hou	125
Shawn Green	LA	112
Jeff Bagwell	Hou	109
Chipper Jones	Atl	100
Todd Helton	Col	90
Curt Schilling	Ari	24
Randy Johnson	Ari	23
Rich Aurilia	SF	20
Mike Piazza	NYM	14
Moises Alou	Hou	13
Matt Morris	StL	13
Bobby Abreu	Phi	9
Jimmy Rollins	Phi	8
Brian Jordan	Atl	7
Paul Lo Duca	LA	6

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

AMERICAN LEAGUE

MANAGER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Lou Piniella (22)	Sea	128
Art Howe (5)	Oak	77
Tom Kelly (1)	Min	25
Jimmy Williams	Bos	12
Joe Torre	NYN	8
Charlie Manuel	Cle	1
Mike Scioscia	Ana	1

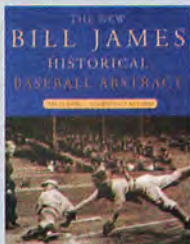
NATIONAL LEAGUE

MANAGER (1st-Place Votes)	TEAM	POINTS
Larry Bowa (18)	Phi	113
Jim Tracy (4)	LA	48
Bob Brenly (4)	Ari	43
Tony La Russa (4)	StL	38
Larry Dierker (1)	Hou	21
Don Baylor	Chi	13
Bobby Cox (2)	Atl	12
Dusty Baker	SF	10

Book Reviews

reviews by Mike Kallay

Wild Bill James writes again, with something for every fan



THE NEW BILL JAMES HISTORICAL ABSTRACT: The Classic. Completely revised. By Bill James. 998 pages (hardcover). \$45. The Free Press (an imprint of Simon & Schuster).

In less than a quarter-century, Bill James has created more baseball arguments than all umpires—in the aggregate squared—since 1869. Wild Bill rides again in a new, thousand-page manifesto that creates yet another way to rate and rank players, based on “win shares.”

What’s a “win share”? On the surface, it’s reasonably simple. Shares are distributed, based on players’ overall contributions to their teams’ overall performance. Fair enough. To his credit, significant weight is given to team, then individual fielding. (Baseball analysts, including James, have hammered at this for more than a decade.)

Then, as he’s wont to do, Wild Bill goes Euclidean. To walk you through his win-share theory would require more space than we have not only here, but in this magazine. Suffice it to say, while complicated, it’s vintage James logic; i.e., guaranteed to start an argument.

Let the discussing and cussing commence! James, a marketing wizard if not Euclid, fires a salvo that would repulverize Afghanistan.

Fully two-thirds of the book is made up of performance ratings of players, based on their win shares. Wild Bill rates the top 100 players, as well as each position, one to 100. The lists are endless and highly controversial, of course. But they’re based on James’ win-share theory. And he appears to apply his formula consistently.

Based on win shares, the usual suspects generally rise to the very top: Ruth and Cobb ... Mays and Mantle ... Musial and Williams ... Gibson (Josh, not Bob) and Charleston (Oscar, not that place in South Carolina).

The rankings alone are worth the hefty admission price to Wild Bill’s new tome. But you also get his way with words. The man’s writing style is joyous, light, even gossipy. Curl up with it, and you feel you’re conversing (make that “debating”) with an old friend, chock-full of humor, anecdotes and trivia.

Ponder this question: What was the last baseball book you read—any book, actually, short of an almanac—with interesting, contextual references to Robert E. Lee, Ted Bundy, McCauley Culkin, Stalin, Pancho Villa and Igor Stravinsky?

You got it.

Baseball’s Hall gets the once over



THE ROAD TO COOPERSTOWN: A Critical History of Baseball’s Hall of Fame Selection Process. By James F. Vail. 280 pages (paperback). \$29.95. McFarland & Company.

Who does and does not belong in the Baseball Hall of Fame—the oldest, most hallowed and most selective of all of sports’ halls, professional and amateur?

Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, that Cubs’ double-play combination made famous in an early 20th-century poem, elected 1946? Not, I think, except Chance—as a manager, not as a first baseman.

What about two-time MVP Dale Murphy, a Braves legend, not yet elected? Perhaps in a few years ... a slow year, I think.

What about Vern Stephens, who’s basically non-remembered by any baseball fan, unless he/she is a real junkie? Well, maybe. And I think so because of Jim Vail and his delightful book, *The Road to Cooperstown*.

Whether you agree or disagree with Vail, he is the Bill James of the Baseball Hall of Fame. And his book will rally and roil fans of America’s grandest game, to wit: who belongs *out* of the Hall, and who belongs *in*. He makes persuasive arguments on both sides for literally hundreds of players—both in and out—(sorry, I didn’t add ‘em all up). But that’s the fun of the book.

To the Vail method:

He has analyzed, dissected and rendered knowledgeable (I stress that word) opinions on all that is the election process for the Hall: the Baseball Writers Association of America, who vote for players relatively present, and the Veterans Committee, who vote for players—and others—past. And all the politics and prejudices inherent therein. The two are hard to separate.

“Prejudices?” That’s the BBWAA, the anointed writers who had to suffer players’ snubs or—worse—were/are ignorant of nominees’ contributions to the game. There’s more than a potful of these, and Vail spells them out in a vivid statistical detail.

What makes *The Road to Cooperstown* fun is that it’s highly readable (downright funny in some spots); logical (therefore highly controversial); analytical (it abounds with easy-to-read but penetrating charts); and full of history.

These are the elements of a plain ol’ good baseball read. And for a baseball aficionado, it’s the perfect puff of a James-like cigar.

Despite a long losing streak, book shows all-time edge to players



FOR IT’S ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR STRIKES YOU’RE OUT AT THE OWNERS’ BALLGAME: Players Versus Management in Baseball. By G. Richard McKelvey. 218 pages (paperback). \$29.95. McFarland & Company.

Nearly 70 years ago, there was a squat, Dumbo-eared Chicago White Sox player who wanted to give a practice ball to a North Carolina friend who was visiting Comiskey Park. No, the player was sternly advised, management forbade such employee largess. Fine, the infielder shrugged.

Whether the young shortstop’s friend got a ball that day is not known. What is known is that Lucius Benjamin Appling fouled off nearly 40 pitches, en route to a two-for-four plate performance—along the way to a Hall-of-Fame career. Appling, one of the finest contact hitters ever, never met a pitch he couldn’t foul off, ever in search of a better one to cleanly hit.

Luke no doubt ticked off Comiskey Park management his entire 20 years there. That’s good. It was, after all, the park’s namesake, Charles A. Comiskey (also a Hall-of-Famer) who should have been the “ninth man out” in the Black Sox scandal. Why? He precipitated it because, in all baseball history, he was the epitome ... the dictionary definition ... indeed, the father of all cheap skate owners. And his progeny are legion, even today, as Commissioner-for-Life Allan H. “Bud” Selig pleads collective owner poverty.

The titanic struggle “between the haves and the have-mores,” as *The Wall Street Journal* once called the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball, respectively, continues. How did baseball evolve, yet again, into this sorry state of affairs? The answer to that, from a historical standpoint, can be found in McKelvey’s book—with, of course, the most recent chapter yet unwritten.

The premise is the shift of power from the owners, who fundamentally dominated until the late 1960s, to the players, who haven’t lost a significant battle since.

For It’s One, Two, Three ... is must-read for the serious fan and a good one for the fan who simply is trying to figure out what the hell’s going on in America’s largest unregulated industry (yes, so help me, Chuck Comiskey and Marvin Miller!)

McKelvey’s research is excellent and annotated. The writing is that of a fine, unbiased business journalist. The result is yeoman-like. Unfortunately, it doesn’t have a discernable point of view. Thus, the book’s title betrays it.

Perhaps a better title would be *Big League Greed, Then and Now ... You Be the Judge*.

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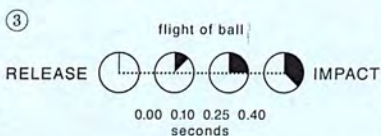


Comets headed to big division game (1).

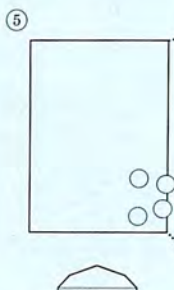
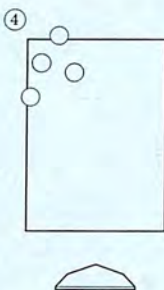


WON: 23
LOST: 2
E.R.A.: 1.45
COMPLETE GMS: 17
AVG. MPHPP: 92
PITCHES: FASTBALL
CUT FASTBALL
FORKBALL
CHANGE UP

Opposing pitcher: Con Williams (2).
Scouting: Left-handed. Exercises with large rocks to increase velocity.
Strengths: Location. Ball movement.
Weakness: Impatient.



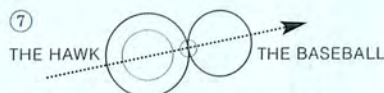
Fact: Area of decision to swing at Williams fastball is two-tenths of a second from time of release (3).



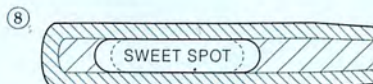
Specs: Classic "hard-in / soft-away" pitcher (4-5). Williams comes inside in the mid-90's. Forces batter out on front foot. Tendency to follow with off-speed stuff on the outside.



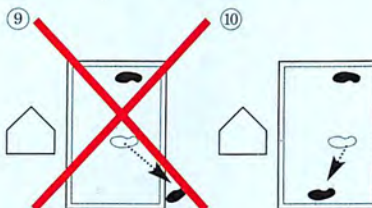
Pitch to note: Forkball. Looks like a fastball. Drops dead at about a half an inch in front of the plate (6).



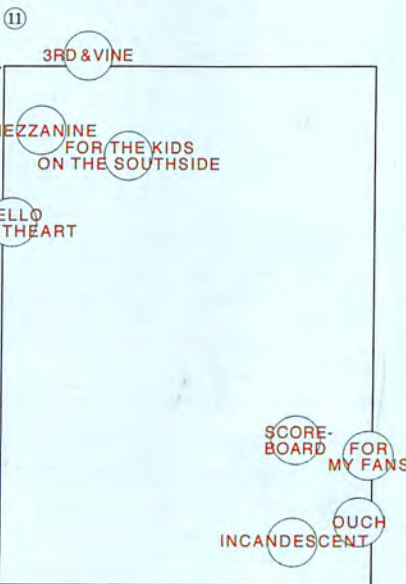
Batting specifications on the Hawk: *RBT (Rifle Barrel Technology)* plus *Scandium Alloy* means a trampoline effect, providing more energy back to ball and greater power (7).



RBT = bigger sweet spot (8).
Weak position without the Hawk (9).



Power position with the Hawk (10).
Results with the Hawk (11).



Comets stop and celebrate at Pizza Palace after embarrassing win (12).

